



IN ATTENDANCE: see below

I. Welcome & Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 10:04am by Secretary Karina Andrade. Ice breaker question is “If you could meet a historical figure, who would it be and why?”

II. Public Comments

--Desiree: event for the CAC June 17, 3:30pm to 5:00pm and their next meeting is June 26, 10-12pm .

--Vendor: is currently going through a wage and labor audit, will let the group know at the next meeting how the audit went.

--Vendor: would like to know what other vendors are doing to prepare for the minimum wage increases taking place. A vendor stated they tackled this question about 8 months ago and started to bring folks slowly up in pay so by the time the law changes, it will not affect them as much from a financial standpoint. Karina recommended to look at costs and renegotiating contracts with suppliers.

III. Presentation

Evelyn Galindo, HCBS Specialist

Takeaways from the presentation:

- ✓ The HCBS Final Rule seeks to provide persons full access to benefits of community living and the opportunity to receive services in the most integrated setting
- ✓ Even though CMS has provided an extension to March 2022, the State of California will continue its compliance efforts to comply by March 19, 2019.
- ✓ Person-centered planning is required and the quality assurance specialists that visit your site will start reviewing your individual consumer plans to make sure that the treatment plans are person-centered. Surveys will be individual (by consumer).
- ✓ There are incentives provided by the regional center to help consumers be placed in jobs. This would require an addendum to the current program design. There are two programs; competitive integrated employment and paid internship programs

- ✓ Consumers living in residential facilities should be able to lock their bedroom doors for privacy. They should have access to food at any time. Consumers have a right to have visitors at any time.
- ✓ Safety concerns do need to be addressed. Community Care Licensing has not provided direction or comment yet on how the federal regulations may be in contradiction with licensing requirements.
- ✓ Ms. Evelyn Galindo may be contacted for further questions on the Home and Community Based Services Final Rule.

IV. SCLARC Executive Director Report (Dexter Henderson)

Mr. Henderson commented on the previous conversation regarding consumers and residential facilities. We are trying to move pendulum from consumers not having choice to consumers being able to make personal decision in their daily lives.

Legislature did not reinstate the social recreation programs but they did approve an extension on respite care for families that had a cap. The cap has now been removed and more information will be forthcoming.

Mr. Henderson introduced Donnicus L. Cook. Donnicus was present a few meetings ago to discuss the Small Business Loan Fund. There are consultants available to provide technical assistance and business tax preparation services. Loan programs are very flexible if you are vendorized and have a contract with the regional center. SCLARC will work with you on the specifics. Even with less than perfect credit, you may qualify for a loan. These funds are from an affiliate entity of the regional center. Donnicus can be reached at donnicusc@sclarc.org or at 213-743-3079.

V. Presentation

Joseph Velasquez, Quality Assurance

Transportation Services: companies and additional components

Takeaways from the presentation:

- ✓ Transportation can be provided by a transportation company (service code 875) or as an additional component (service code 880).
- ✓ CHP does an annual inspection on vans, specially the bigger vans.
- ✓ Drivers are required to have a VDDP certificate and must have the original certificate on their person while driving (do not laminate).
- ✓ Bus aides do not need a VDDP since they do not drive but they should have livescan completed. You may want to have bus aides get VDDP clearance if they are alternate drivers.
- ✓ Anyone who drives more 50% or more of their work week needs to have VDDP clearance. Example: 40 hr employee drives 15 hours a week (no need for VDDP); 20 hour employee drives 15 hours a week (needs a VDDP)
- ✓ Class B drivers need to have a P endorsement to transport passengers
- ✓ Abide by all laws and regulations from CHP and DMV, i.e. broken lights need to be fixed even if you only drive the vehicle during daylight hours.

- ✓ One way transportation is to be no more than 1.5 hours duration otherwise vendor contract is being violated.
- ✓ When does responsibility change hands if a day program uses a transportation company to receive consumers? There is no exact science as to when responsibility changes. Document how things happen, all parties are required to commence an SIR on incidents even if you believe incident is not your responsibility. Do not rely on or assume other parties will do the SIR.
- ✓ 1:50pm to 2:10pm should be time frame of when a consumer that ends program at 2:00pm should be picked up.
- ✓ TSR: Transportation service request specifies pick up and drop off locations and times.
- ✓ Transportation companies and day programs should communicate with each other in regard to when holidays are happening to make sure that consumers are picked up (or not picked up).

Vendor expressed interest in a training relating to when responsibility changes hands from program to transportation company and vice versa.

VI. Minutes

Minutes for the May 10, 2017 were moved by Martha Rodriguez, seconded by Carmen Hailey and approved with the following corrections:

The following names were missing from the attendance sheet for the May 10, 2017 meeting:

Kasandra Van Crystal Rodriguez Sylvia Ortiz

VII. VAC Executive & Committee Reports

A. Treasurer: no report at this time

B. Committees:

Membership: no report at this time

Compliance: no report at this time

Legislative: no report at this time

Strategic Planning: no report at this time

Next VAC meeting will be on Wednesday, July 12, 2017

SCLARC VAC MEETING
SIGN IN SHEET
JUNE 14, 2017

1. Sylvia Ortiz	Peak Performance Training
2. Martha Rodriguez	Fobi Pharmacy
3. Carmen Haley	Family Way
4. Kelli Marsh	CADHC
5. Karina A. Andrade	EL ARCA ADHC
6. Andres Velasco	SMS Transportation
7. Worknesh Wakero	W&W RCF
8. Desiree Boykin	SCLARC
9. Casandra Vann	
10. Cheryl Johnson	Johnson Center
11. Illona Hendrick	Hendrick Home
12. Keidrick Cole	Home 2 U
13. Jae Lim	Ability First
14. Alfredo Miranda	Wright Road/EPIC
15. Felisha Lewis	Wright Road/EPIC
16. Denise Torrey	Sibi Center
17. Stephanie Dinwindle	Spirit CDC
18. Joyce Williams	Milestones Program
19. Diana Hernandez	24 Hr Home Care
20. Marvin Espinoza	Jeffrey Foundation
21. Adrienne Hernandez	Flagship Group LLC
22. Yvette Torres	Premier Healthcare
23. Eyob Wallano	Wxw Residential Care
24. Cynthia Martin	O.V.S.
25. Karen Neal	Tracey Place
26. Christina Barnes	Crisis Response Project
27. Stephanie Alvarez	24hr Home Care
28. Kristal Rodriguez	Buena Vida Learning Services
29. Wendy De Leon	Brighter Outlook
30. Cheryl Whiting	Rite Start/Crossroads
31. Maria Lopez	Consumer Parent
32. Maria Moreno	Consumer Parent
33. Alicia Cortez	Consumer Parent