

NLACRC VAC

SCHOOL-AGE WORKGROUP

Committee Goals and Priorities for this Fiscal Year 2026-2027

I. Identify Strategies and Formulate New Solutions to Improve Timely Access to Clinically Related Services

Objective:

Strengthen collaboration with NLACRC and public resource partners to improve timely access to clinically related services, including Crisis Intervention, Mental Health Services, and Behavior Intervention/ABA services, for regional center consumers and their families.

II. Identify Strategies and Share Ideas to Develop a Seamless POS-Authorization of Services Process

Objective:

Collaborate with NLACRC and vendored service providers to identify strategies and share best practices that improve the efficiency, clarity, and timeliness of the Purchase of Service (POS) authorization process, reducing delays and service interruptions for consumers and families.

III. Support and Assist Stakeholders Serving School-Age Consumers Enrolled in NLACRC's Self-Determination Program

Objective:

Support and assist regional center consumers and families, as well as vendor service providers, to successfully and seamlessly serve school-age consumers enrolled in NLACRC's Self-Determination Program (SDP), while promoting continuity of care, informed choice, and service access.

IV. Discuss, Review, and Advocate for DDS Legislative Ideas Benefiting School-Age Consumers

Objective:

Discuss, review, and advocate for legislative ideas and policy initiatives put forth by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) that benefit school-age regional center consumers, their families, and the service systems to which they are entitled.

V. Recruit Additional Providers to Serve on the VAC School-Aged Subcommittee

Objective:

Recruit additional vendor service providers to actively participate in the Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) School-Aged Subcommittee in order to broaden representation, enhance collaboration, and strengthen stakeholder input on issues impacting school-age regional center consumers and their families.