

FRANK D. LANTERMAN REGIONAL CENTER

Programs & Services Committee

September 21, 2011

MINUTES

PRESENT

Ann Seisa, Chair
Diane Cullinane
Howard McBroom
Marjorie Heller
Anila Guruji
Sandy Doughty
Michiko Wilkins

STAFF

Melinda Sullivan

NOT PRESENT

Josephine Ko
Li Ann Bush

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Seisa called the meeting to order at 10:16 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 17, 2011 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

FILMING THE CLOSURE OF LANTERMAN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER UPDATE

Ms. Sullivan discussed filming the closure of Lanterman Developmental Center with Ms. Anand per the Committee's request and reported that this project is not financially doable at this time.

Action: Dr. Cullinane reported that she would give this idea to someone she knows from the USC film school and she will update the Committee.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP PROCEDURE

As a follow up from the last meeting, the Family Budget Worksheet that is used at Lanterman for families with financial hardship was given to the Committee. The Procedure for Defining Financial Hardship was also given to Committee. Ms. Sullivan explained some of the items on the budget worksheet's list in more detail and stated that families are also asked to provide their income tax return. Ms. Sullivan stated that she does not know if other regional centers have a similar worksheet or what their procedure is for financial hardship. All financial hardship requests are reviewed with the executive director.

Action: The Committee suggested adding an "Other" section to the budget worksheet under "expenses." In the Financial Hardship Policy, they recommended changing the first sentence of the second to last paragraphs so that it reads as *The Funding Committee makes a recommendation as to whether the regional center should assume some or all of the cost.* The Committee recommends that the center make a family version of the financial hardship procedure to hand out as appropriate, so that families understand the whole process better.

SB74

As a follow up to last month's meeting, Ms. Sullivan gave an update on Trailer Bill Language SB74. A portion of SB74 requires a financial review and audit for Service Providers who receive \$250,000 or more from the Center. The Committee received a copy of the power point that was presented at the Service Provider training on September 13, 2011 at the Center by Mr. Ron Kulek from Windes & McClaughry and Mr. Patrick Aulicino.

Ms. Sullivan reported that there were a large number of service providers in attendance including Ms. Ann Seisa. The regional centers are working together with providers with this implementation. Ms. Sullivan reported that some providers are networking in hopes of obtaining a discount if they use the same auditing company.

AB 104

The Committee received documents regarding behavior technicians: Title 17 and AB104. Ms. Sullivan reported that these are emergency regulations that must be implemented now regarding behavior technicians. There is a new code being added called Behavior Management Technician or Service Code 616. This can apply to any group that does behavioral services and it is not an individual vendorization.

The Committee focused on the Center's standards for minimum requirement and standards for excellence in addition to minimum requirements for Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention (EIBI) service providers. Ms. Sullivan reported that the Center will discuss Title 17 and AB104 with ABA providers in October. Ms. Sullivan asked for the Committee's feedback on this.

Action: The Committee discussed the standards and suggested that there should be a process for an “exception” related to the experience and education of staff. Ms. Sullivan will follow up on the minimum requirement that states “Twelve semester units in ABA and one year experience in designing and/or implementing behavior intervention services” per the Committee’s request.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled on October 19, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 A.M.

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