

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Programs and Services

July 11, 2012

MINUTES

PRESENT

Ann Seisa, Chair
Diane Cullinane
Marjorie Heller
Josephine Ko
Howard McBroom

STAFF

Melinda Sullivan

NOT PRESENT

Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso
Michiko Wilkins

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Seisa at 10:10 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 13, 2012 were approved by consensus.

UPDATE ON RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR ADOLESCENTS

Ms. Sullivan reminded the Committee that at a previous meeting, Ms. Karen Ingram had reported that the Center was struggling with meeting the needs of adolescents with significant behavioral challenges. At the time, the Center had requested that DDS allow us to use some of the POS monies for a special resource development. DDS denied this request; however DDS added money to the 2012-13 Community Placement Plan (CPP) for this purpose. Ms. Sullivan reported that the Center has posted a Request for Proposal (RFP) and identified a provider; ANKA. This provider will develop a crisis home and a step-down home for adolescents (ages 13-17) with challenging behaviors who can no longer be supported in the family home and are at risk of being placed in an institution. The plan is to have these homes available in about 6 months. Ms. Sullivan added that ANKA already has some homes in the San Gabriel/Pomona and East Los Angeles regional center catchment area.

Recommendation: The Committee suggested that when there is time and money, the Center should review the cases for adolescents that have utilized crisis/step-down homes to see if there are common factors that might help the Center determine a plan of action going forward.

TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE

Ms. Sullivan distributed an informational letter that will be mailed to parents regarding the new law requiring health plans to provide behavioral services. The letter will also include a Frequently Asked Questions booklet. Ms. Sullivan stated that this will impact 170 families. Discussion followed regarding deductibles and Dr. Cullinane informed Ms. Sullivan about an agency called Med Claims who assists families with the insurance process.

Ms. Sullivan also reported that, in the trailer bill language, there is a significant amount of activity surrounding difficult to serve adults that typically are served in institutions. . Last year there was a cap on the number of clients that could go into Porterville Developmental Center. This year, the TBL states that regional centers are not allowed to place those clients in a facility that is not eligible for federal reimbursement. DDS will try to allocate some monies in the CPP so that the Center can develop resources for these clients. Discussion followed.

SERVICE STANDARDS

Ms. Sullivan reported that another change associated with the trailer bill involves Supported Living services. As a result, the current Supported Living Services standard needs to be modified to remain in compliance. Ms. Sullivan highlighted the proposed changes. Discussion followed.

Ms. Heller made a motion to accept the SLS standard with the trailer bill language changes. Mr. McBroom seconded the motion and it was approved by consensus.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled on September 12, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 31 P.M.

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