

CLIENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Client Advisory Committee

June 10, 2024

MINUTES

PRESENT

Bradley Smith, Chair
Rachelle Cabrera
Thomas Espinosa
James Li

NOT PRESENT

Gaby Funes

STAFF

Juan Maldonado
Lupe Munoz
Srbui Ovsepyan
John Valencia
Maureen Wilson

GUESTS

Desiree Boykin, SCLARC
Michael Bolds
Miguel Lugo
Melvena Mann

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from May 13, 2024 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

VOTE IN MELVENA MANN AND MICHAEL BOLDS

The committee voted unanimously to accept Ms. Melvena Mann and Mr. Michael Bolds as voting members of the Client Advisory Committee.

2024 TRAININGS/PERFORMANCE MEASURES PHASE II

Mr. Juan Maldonado reviewed the 2023-2024 FDLRC Trainings, their timelines, and stats regarding how many staff persons have completed them. Ms. Ovsepyan highlighted which trainings are part of the Regional Center Performance Measures (Person Centered Planning, Cultural Humility) and which are mandated by the state (Implicit Bias).

Mr. James Li shared his experience as a Mandarin speaker. Mr. Espinosa asked for clarification about the trainings. Ms. Cabrera expressed her gratitude for the cultural humility trainings. Ms. Mann asked how outcomes were being measured. Ms. Ovsepyan replied that a satisfaction survey for clients will be rolled out by the Department for all regional centers.

2023 ANNUAL PROJECT VIDEO

The committee voted to add this agenda item instead of 2024 annual project update. Ms. Maureen Wilson shared the 2023 annual project video titled "In Our Words." This was filmed last year and has now been shared with new FDLRC staff as part of the Brown Bag training series.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

SLATE OF DIRECTORS FOR ELECTION JUNE 2024

DIRECTORS

Maria Chapeton

Marie Zimmerle

DIRECTORS FOR RE-ELECTION

Michael Cooney

Tina Daley

Larry DeBoer

Weller Killebrew

Lili Romero

**SLATE OF OFFICERS
FOR ELECTION
JUNE 2024**

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR ELECTION

PRESIDENT

Louis Mitchell

VICE PRESIDENT

Brigitte Sroujeh

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Larry DeBoer

TREASURER

Lili Romero

SECRETARY

Tina Daley

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Programs & Services Committee

June 5, 2024

MINUTES

PRESENT

Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso, Chair
Oscar Carvajal
Darryl Goodus
Yudy Mazariegos
Trudy Robinson

STAFF

Srbui Ovsepyan

NOT PRESENT

Debbie Cornejo
Karla Garcia
Kristiana Moralls

JOINT MEETING WITH SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)

The committee attended a joint meeting with SPAC. Ms. Irma Padilla will draft the minutes. P&S Committee did not have any regular agenda items that were discussed this month.

NEXT MEETING

The next committee meeting is scheduled on August 14, 2024.

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**SERVICE PROVIDER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
June 6, 2024
Minutes**

This SPAC Committee Zoom meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM and introductions were made.

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Dee Prescott
Kyra Griffith
Keri Castaneda
Andrew Day
Kelly White
Bryan Chacon

EXCUSED

Greg Sanchez
Nicole Hajjar
Michaelann Gabriele
Nancy Niebrugge

Guests:

Neda Rezapoor/Thrive & Shine	Jeanetta Burton/Workforce	Beatriz Diaz/In2Vision
Edward Parker/BCR	Guadalupe Trevizo/Easterseals	Michael Barkyoumb/Abilityfirst
Esmy Abarabar/Opendoor	Armine Kim/Lutheran Social	Carine Moumdjian/ACT
Chineyere Emelobe/Opendoor	Dr. Shawn/AFA Hub	Jose Ramirez/Aveanna
Veronia Aleman/SVS	Liliana Garcia/Glen Park	Sarai Nelson/Building Block
Beverlin Silva/Jay Nolan	Kimberly Isaac/CalWes Homes	Christian De Paz/ACT
Lanieta Hicks/Peak Perf	Veronica Solano/Jeffrey Found	Jacob Esi/Elite Support
Araceli Gonzalez/AbilityFirst	Darryl Goodus/Villa Esperanza	Jullie Denisia/Building Block
Anna Polin/Buildability	Andrea Devers/PCS	D.L. Cook/Quantum Housing
Glenda Alvarico/Maxim	Lateisha Getter/Inclusion Svs	Dulce Vallejo/SVS

Staff

Pablo Ibañez
Sonia Garibay
Melinda Sullivan
Srbui Ovsepyan

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from May 1, 2024, were approved as submitted.

Mr. Ibañez welcomed the Programs & Services Committee members as the Service Provider Advisory Committee invited them to join this meeting for the annual joint meeting. Both committees agreed to have one joint meeting a year during the month of June moving forward. Ms. Srui Ovsepyan, Associate Director, introduced the P&S Services committee members and gave an overview of their functions and responsibilities. This committee is comprised of service providers, parents and adults served.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. Prescott reported that Ms. Ovsepyan gave a presentation on Person Centered Thinking. The Board had updates from different committees as well.

HCBS Update

Ms. Garibay gave a detailed overview and a power point presentation on the HCBS (Home and Community Based Services) final Rule. The 10 HCBS Requirements are:

- Access to the community
- Choice of setting
- Rights of privacy, dignity and respect
- Independence
- Choice of services and supports
- Renter protections
- Privacy
- Control of schedule and access to food
- Right to visitors
- Accessibility

With the implementation of the HCBS Final Rule service providers were required to make changes to meet the federal requirements, such as, modify policies, program designs, how services are delivered and training leadership to ensure staff understand and implement the requirements. Some providers have experienced resistance to changes in services from parents/families.

LRC has provided support to service providers offering free training on Person Centered Thinking, certifications, on-site coaching, technical assistance, HCBS specific trainings and Making Community Connections training. Ms. Garibay shared the dates for the next Person-Centered Thinking training and the link to register in the chat. Families and RC staff will also have the opportunity to attend training sessions. HCBS animated series videos were shared in the chat.

Ms. Garibay clarified that the rule does not apply to nursing homes, hospitals, institutions for mental diseases and intermediate care facilities but it does apply to residential, day program, employment options, children's programs and independent living situations.

Provider input on how to utilize the HCBS funds is always welcome.

OLD BUSINESS

DDS/LRC Updates

Mr. Ibañez stated that there are no new updates, but he reminded providers the following:

- Sick time accruals – providers were sent instructions via e-bulletin regarding SB616. Providers with set rates by DDS that cannot afford to pay sick time to their employees because their rates don't allow it, should submit a worksheet to DDS for processing; providers that have rates dictated by the median rates should submit the worksheet to Mr. Ibañez for processing.
- The biennial review process will go live any day now. The attestation process will go live as well; instructions will be sent out to providers soon. These processes will ensure that all providers' records are always updated.
- Early Start Incentive Payments – there's no word from DDS yet as to which Early Start providers will be reimbursed for the first quarter. Early Start providers don't need to take action as DDS is using POS data to determine who is receiving payments.
- Rate Reform – moving forward but still no updates. Once the California budget gets signed by the Governor, and with the help of all the advocacy efforts done, there is hope that the last rate implementation takes place in July 2024 and not be delayed to July 2025.

SP Breakfast

The SP breakfast is scheduled for November 6 at 9:00 am. The sub-committee and Mr. Ibañez will be meeting with Ms. Wilson next week to discuss the venue and the potential keynote speaker. Ms. White recommended that Ms. Sullivan, LRC ED, be invited as a keynote speaker at the SP Breakfast as she will be retiring in June of 2025, and this will be the last SP breakfast she's attending.

Ms. Prescott brought up the lack of accessibility at venues where events for people with disabilities or for the general population that have mobility difficulties are scheduled. She recommended this to be discussed with the venue representatives to make sure that the place is totally accessible, like having handrails/ramps for people to get on stage and come down the stage safely and also having easy access to restrooms.

Provider Fair

No Report.

Provider Training

Mr. Day reported that the sub-committee met yesterday. The group discussed different ideas, but the most popular suggestions were training on legal issues/concerns and prevention of staff burn-out. Ms. White will contact a lawyer she knows very well to discuss the possibility of presenting to the group. She will contact Mr. Day prior to getting more information on what the expectation is.

Ms. Prescott suggested having a lawyer that specializes in IT/Privacy exposures to present to the group. The group agreed on the topic but as a whole separate training.

This training will be scheduled during the SPAC meeting in October.

Advocacy Efforts

Ms. White shared that there have been several rallies, with service providers, clients and their families, with approximately 2,500 people in attendance in West Covina and the Van Nuys State

Building in support of the July 2024 last rate implementation. Even though it is not certain if the 2024 rate implementation will take place, it was recommended that advocacy should continue.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

Ms. Castaneda reported that AbilityFirst has a new CEO, he will be invited to the August SPAC meeting.

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

2023-2024	N O V 23	D E C 23	J A N 24	F E B 24	M A R 24	A P R 24	M A Y 24	J U N 24	J U L 24	A U G 24	S E P 24	O C T 24	T O T A L
D. PRESCOTT - Chair	N	X	N	X	X	X	X	X					
K. CASTANEDA	O	X	O	E	X	X	X	X					
N. HAJJAR		E		X	X	X	X	E					
G. SANCHEZ	M	X	M	X	X	E	E	E					
K. GRIFFITH	E	X	E	X	X	X	X	X					
K. WHITE	E	X	E	E	X	E	X	X					
N. NIEBRUGGE	T	X	T	X	X	X	X	E					
M. GABRIELE	I	X	I	X	X	X	X	E					
A. DAY	N	X	N	X	E	X	X	X					
B. CHACON	G	X	G	X	X	E	E	X					