EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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January 12, 2021

MINUTES

PRESENT

Gloria Leiva, Chair Louis Mitchell Elizabeth Beltran Larry DeBoer Mark Higgins Dina Richman

STAFF

Melinda Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Leiva called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Higgins moved to approve the minutes of October 13, 2021, Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COVID UPDATE

Ms. Sullivan advised the Committee that with the uptick in COVID due to the Omicron variant, the Center has approximately 30 staff who have tested positive or living with someone who has tested positive. As a precaution, the Center has instructed all staff to work from home for the month of January and will reevaluate the situation then. Key leadership and operations staff will still come into the office as needed.

JANUARY BOARD TRAINING

Ms. Sullivan reminded the committee that this month's board training is on "Transparency – What is in the Contract".

UPDATES TO MED-CAL PROVIDER ENROLMENT

Ms. Sullivan advised the Committee that paperwork for Brigitte Sroujieh and Anthony Brouwer has been collect to update the Medi-cal Provider Enrollment Application that will be submitted to the Department of Health Care Services.

SOCIAL RECREATION OUTREACH PLAN

Ms. Sullivan advised the Committee that they could find in their packet a letter to DDS which outlines the Center's outreach plan to fund camping service; social recreation activities; education service for children 3 to 17; and nonmedical therapies. A new service standard will be coming to the Board in January for review and approval.

ADJOURNMENT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Mitchell moved to suspend the General Session meeting at 12:15 p.m. for Executive Session to conduct business on Approval of Minutes, Litigation, and 2021-22 Executive Director's Performance Goal's Update. Ms. Beltran seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

RECONVENE FOR GENERAL SESSION

The Committee conducted business in Executive Session on Approval of Minutes, Litigation, and 2021-22 Executive Director's Performance Goal's Update.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Programs & Services Committee

January 12, 2022

MINUTES

PRESENT

Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso, Chair Howard McBroom Debbie Cornejo Oscar Carvajal Darryl Goodus Yudy Mazariegos

STAFF

Juan Maldonado Carmine Manicone

NOT PRESENT

Karla Garcia Christopher Perri

GUEST

Andres Lerma Trudy Robinson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held remotely using ZOOM and was called to order by Ms. Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso at 10:02 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 10, 2021 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

REVIEW DRAFT CALENDAR FOR 2022

Mr. Manicone reviewed the draft of the 2022 calendar. Mr. Manicone stated that the NCI and the satisfaction survey data will also be presented when it is available. Ms. Mazariegos would like an update from the KYRC regarding training and support during the pandemic. Mr. Goodus would like updates regarding providers, day programs, and services through the pandemic in the short and long term.

REVIEW 2021 COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Manicone reviewed the 2021 Programs and Services Committee Annual report. No changes were recommended.

REVIEW SOCIAL RECREATION, CAMP & NON-MEDICAL THERAPIES SERVICE STANDARD

Mr. Manicone highlighted the changes made to this standard regarding how the Center may assist financially for services when it would be a hardship for families. The committee had a few clarification questions such as why SSI is listed and Mr. Manicone will look into to clarify. Ms. Robinson asked how the regional center determines when families would qualify for funding based on financial need. Mr. Manicone explained that we typically rely on family self-attestation and on the information provided by service coordinators to make an assessment based on their knowledge of the individual or family. Mr. Goodus suggested having more welcoming language overall to encourage families to take advantage of these available services. Mr. Manicone added that there has been a lot of outreach so far via the CAC, a community meeting, and peer groups. Discussion followed.

Mr. McBroom made a motion to approve this service standard as drafted and submit to the Board for final approval. Ms. Trevizo-Reinoso seconded the motion and it was approved by consensus.

REVIEW OF EXTENDED DAY SERVICE STANDARD

Mr. Manicone reviewed the extended day service standard. Ms. Trevizo-Reinoso shared that in her experience, it was difficult to obtain additional hours. Mr. Manicone will change the wording to the standard such as "we may consider exceptions to increase hours." Mr. Cornejo suggested having language that specifies a reasonable time frame to make a request for additional hours. Discussion followed. Mr. Manicone stated that this standard will be presented with changes for a final review next month.

VOTING IN TRUDY ROBINSON

The committee unanimously voted to make Ms. Trudy Robinson a voting member of the Programs & Services committee.

OTHER

Ms. Trevizo-Reinoso asked Mr. Manicone if there were any directives recently regarding shutting down. He replied that there are no new updates regarding that. Discussion followed.

Mr. Goodus shared that he is a member of the Los Angeles Metro Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC). The committee looks at different public safety aspects involved with the Metro and the people we serve. He reported that they recommended to have 4 hours of training for independent security contractors on the Metro on intellectual and developmental disabilities and how to support those riders. He would like to share more updates as they are available and Mr. Manicone stated that perhaps he can present next month.

Mr. Manicone reported that FEMA is offering funeral expense assistance for COVID-related deaths and he will send this information to the committee.

NEXT MEETING

The next committee meeting is scheduled on February 9, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 A.M.

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TITLE: Social Recreation, Camp, & Non-Medical Therapies

DOCUMENT: Service Standard

DATE: January 26, 2022

The law requires regional centers to assist persons with developmental disabilities with participating in programs and activities in which they can interact and socialize with typical peers. This is referred to as the "inclusion mandate." The regional center uses advocacy and public education to expand opportunities for individuals served by the Center to be included in social and recreational activities in the community. This advocacy and public education is done through publications, self-advocacy groups, and public meetings to inform persons served, family members, and service providers about available free or low cost social and recreational opportunities. The regional center also provides training to community recreation programs about developmental disabilities and inclusion strategies.

Children

Families are expected to provide their child with a disability with the same social and recreational opportunities that they would provide for a child without a disability. They are also expected to assume the ordinary associated cost; the regional center may assist financially as an exception for families in which this would cause an undue hardship. Such activities include but are not limited to, karate lessons, swimming, gymnastics, YMCA programs and nonmedical therapies, including, but not limited to, specialized recreation, horseback riding, art, dance, and music. In the event that a child served needs extra support in order to engage in an inclusive social or recreational activity in the community, the regional center may provide that support. Such support might include, for example, training for the individuals offering the social or recreational activity, or a support companion for the child in the activity.

The regional center recognizes that participation in a socialization, leisure or recreation program may also be a way to meet a family's need for respite. Accordingly, the regional center may review the purchase of both respite and social, leisure and recreation services and make individual adjustments to services as agreed to by the family.

Adults

If an adult served by the Center, living in the family home, chooses to participate in a social or recreational activity in the community, the individual would be asked to contribute for the activity using his or her own funds, such as SSI funds, employment income, or other means. The regional center may assist financially as an exception for families in which this would cause an undue hardship. For an adult living in the family

home, the regional center may also review the purchase of both respite and social, leisure and recreation services and make adjustments to services as agreed to by the individual.

If an adult living independently chooses to participate in a social or recreational activity in the community, the individual is expected to contribute for the activity using his or her own funds, such as SSI, employment earnings, or other income; the regional center may assist financially as an exception if this would cause an undue hardship.

If the adult lives in a licensed home, it is the responsibility of the residential program to ensure participation in appropriate social and recreational activities; if an individual wants to pursue individual interests, it is expected that he or she will contribute towards the activity with his or her own money, such as P&I Income or other income.

Additionally, in all cases, if an adult served needs extra support to engage in an inclusive social or recreational activity in the community, the regional center may provide that support. Such support might include, but not be limited to training for the individuals offering the social or recreational activity, the provision of additional support, or a companion for the individual in the activity.

Camping Services

Children

Generally, one week of camp may be purchased as a cost-effective alternative to other extended year programming. The regional center recognizes that participation in camp may also be a way to meet a family's need for respite. Accordingly, the regional center may review the purchase of both respite and camp and make individual adjustments to services as agreed to by the family.

In all cases, families are expected to cover what the cost would be for a child without a disability to access this service; the regional center may assist financially as an exception for families in which this would cause an undue hardship.

Adults

Adults are expected to access age-appropriate recreational services where interaction with adults without disabilities can take place. The regional center recognizes that participation in a camp program may also be a way to meet a family's need for respite. Accordingly, the regional center may review the purchase of both respite and camp and make individual adjustments to services as agreed to by the family.

For other extended vacation types of experiences, individuals are expected to use their own funds, such as SSI and employment earnings; the regional center will also consider financial and non-financial supports on a case by case basis.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

January 19, 2022

MINUTES

PRESENT

Al Marsella, Chair Larry DeBoer Yudy Mazariegos Louis Mitchell

STAFF

Melinda Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. DeBoer moved to approve the minutes of September 15, 2021, Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BOARD RECRUITMENT

The Committee began discussion on board composition for 2022-23 and follow-up strategies for individuals who attended the board recruitment fair on November 4, 2021.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- February 16, 2022
- March 16, 2022
- April 20, 2021
- May 18, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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CLIENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Client Advisory Committee

January 10, 2021

MINUTES

PRESENT

Howard McBroom, Chair Rachelle Cabrera Thomas Espinosa Thomas Fambro Gaby Funes

STAFF

Carmine Manicone Guadalupe Muñoz

NOT PRESENT

James Li Nicholas Pietrantonio Stefanie Scott

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 P.M.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 8, 2021 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

2022 CALENDAR DISCUSSION/PLANNING ANNUAL PROJECT

Mr. Manicone reviewed the 2022 proposed calendar. In April, the Committee will have a Ms. Lia Cervantes from State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) to present on Cal Able. The committee agreed that they would like to host this meeting for all clients and staff. All other topics were approved by the committee.

REVIEW SOCIAL, RECREATION, CAMP, AND NON-MEDICAL THERAPIES SERVICES STANDARD

Mr. Manicone shared a draft presentation that he will present at a community meeting in February regarding the restoration of social recreation, camping, and non-medical therapies (including but not limited to) recreation, art, dance, and music. The services will be part of the IPP planning process to meet the individual's needs. He added that restoration of suspended services did not eliminate other responsibilities when developing the IPP. The committee had a few questions. Discussion followed.

REVIEW EXTENDED DAY SERVICE STANDARD

Mr. Manicone reviewed the extended day service standard and explained that these are designed for children and adults who live at home and have a constant need for a structured setting beyond the primary program to prevent deterioration in their behavior or who have significant self-help skill deficits. The hours may be increased on a case by case basis. The committee did not have any questions or changes to this standard.

DISCUSS PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD IN 2022

Mr. Manicone proposed having two CAC update presentations at the Board of Directors meeting this year (instead of only one). One will be in May and the other in November.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled on February 14, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM

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SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center Service Provider Advisory Committee December 1, 2021 Minutes

This SPAC Committee Zoom meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM and roll call was taken.

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kimberly West-Isaac Dee Prescott Kelly White Keri Castaneda Kyra Griffith Greg Sanchez Nancy Niebrugge

Excused:

Nicole Hajjar

Michaelann Gabriele Andrew Day

Guests:

Kevin Shields/Build Ability Celia Montes/ECF Priscilla Garcia/ Jackie Brown/A-1 Home Kendra Espinoza/Tender Touch Rachel Saucedo/Easterseals Lateisha Getter/Inclusion Azniv Tonoyanin/In2Vision Andrea Devers/PCS Lanterman Anna Polin/ Regina A Ybarra/ Maura Enriquez/Easterseals Bernadette Manalo/ABC GH Janet Amador/In2Vision Cynthia Cordon/In2Vision Christian De Paz/ACT

Beatriz Diaz/In2Vision
Joann Lockett/
Jen Pippard/ARC Care
Marina Margaryan/Westview
Yancy Chavez/Easterseals
Adela Garcia/TCC
Jacklin Pfaff/TES

Staff

Pablo Ibañez

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the November 3, 2021 meeting were accepted as submitted with one correction.

REPORTS

Board

Ms. Isaac reported the following:

- The Board approved the contract with Esperanza Community Housing to continue the Promotora and the Korean Youth Community Center programs.
- The Board developed their training plan for next year.

• ARCA has open an academy that offers trainings to help the community understand the developmental services system. Their first training is scheduled for Dec 9. Registration is available at the ARCA website.

HCBS Update

Mr. Ibañez shared that another round of funding has been allocated to help providers that need to become HCBS compliant.

Self Determination Update

Mr. Ibañez informed that the slow trend of families moving into Self-Determination continues. He also shared that there is funding for Participant Choice Specialist positions at all regional centers; the size of the regional center will determine if they hire one or more individuals. LRC will hire for one position only since we already had a Self Determination Specialist.

Mr. Ibañez mentioned that ELARC is hosting a regular provider check-in as it relates to self-determination and FDLRC can host trainings/meetings if a local need exists.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Advocacy

Mr. Ibañez reported that when he met with the CS Directors at their last statewide meeting the Guardian issue was discussed but it seems like this is not a shared statewide issue at this point. He recommended to follow up locally with the EDs in the L.A County.

Ms. White shared that the rate study shows that the State of California is projecting a 31-billion-dollar surplus. There is a concern among providers because it will take 3 years for them to receive a substantial rate increase. Ms. White will bring this up to the Coalition again. Mr. Ibañez shared a graph that shows how the increases will be applied starting in March 31, 2022 with full completion by July 1, 2025.

Another concern brought up by Ms. White was the \$15 minimum wage. Providers are unable to hire, let alone to keep competent staff for \$15 an hour when other companies are already paying \$18 and \$21 an hour, including benefits; that's a challenge all providers are facing, especially residential providers.

Mr. Ibañez informed that LRC has not received information from Burns & Associates on the rate study but he advised providers to take a look at their organization's rate calculations when they become available to them and to bring this up to DDS before April 1, 2022 which is when the first rate increase will take effect.

Mr. Ibañez will share all these concerns with ED Melinda Sullivan.

DDS Updates

Ms. Ibañez shared that the provider COVID related health and safety rate that was negotiated by the regional center will be valid until the end of 2021, therefore, all providers that want to continue with the same or similar rate after January 1, 2022 should start a health and safety waiver process with DDS ASAP as LRC does not have the authority to negotiate COVID related rates anymore.

For more information, check the DDS/Health & Safety Waiver page for basic instructions on how to fill the health and safety form. More information to follow.

LRC Updates

Mr. Ibañez clarified that the effective date for the DDS Health and Safety waiver supplemental staffing rate is November 3, not November 4. Providers that did not get a DDS Health and Safety waiver rate still have the option to bill for day time supplemental funding via their regular SC 109 rate.

LRC still has PPE supplies available to providers. To request PPE supplies contact Ms. Garibay at sgaribay@lanterman.org

LRC is still closed to the public except for the KYRC that is available via appointment only. Presence has increased in the building. Due to operational needs, support staff and other vital units have increased their office days to twice per week. COVID protocols continue in place.

Jocelyn Doucette, Client and Family Services Assistant Director, will retire in February 2022. As a result, a recent decision was made to hire a second Associate Director of Client and Family Services. Announcement has been posted on the LRC website. Ms. Doucette's position will not be refilled.

DDS Electronic Visit Verification

Mr. Ibañez reminded providers that are impacted by the EVV that by January 2022 they need to be up and running and need to self-register.

NEW BUSINESS

None

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Ms. Ibañez Disability Thrive next session on Alternative Services and Beyond is scheduled for 12/8 at 12:00. Registration link was shared on the chat.
- Ms. Nguyen Disability Thrive luncheon is scheduled for 12/9 at 12:00
- Ms. Prescott DDS wants the 2 lead agencies to possibly continue the Disability Thrive initiative for 6 months to a year. Ms. Prescott will appreciate any feedback.

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting ATTENDANCE

2021-2022	N O V 21	D E C 21	J A N 22	F E B 22	M A R 22	A P R 22	M A Y 22	J U N 22	J U L 22	A U G 22	S E P 22	O C T 22	T O T A L
K. WEST-ISAAC - Chair	X	X											
K. CASTANEDA	X	X											
N. HAJJAR	E	X											
D. PRESCOTT	X	X											
G. SANCHEZ	X	X											
K. GRIFFITH	X	X											
K. WHITE	X	X											
N. NIEBRUGGE*	X	X											
M. GABRIELE*	E	E											
A. DAY*	X	E											

New Membership 2021

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center Service Provider Advisory Committee January 5, 2022 Minutes

This SPAC Committee Zoom meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM and roll call was taken.

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kimberly West-Isaac Dee Prescott Kelly White Keri Castaneda Kyra Griffith Greg Sanchez Nancy Niebrugge Nicole Hajjar

Excused:

Andrew Day

Michaelann Gabriele

Guests:

Priscilla Garcia/SVS
Bernadette Manalo/NBC HM
D L Cook/Quantum Housing
Kevin Shields/Build Ability
Veronica Aleman/SVS
Anna Polin/
Rosalind Ford/SVS
Maura Enriquez/Easterseals

Beatriz Diaz/In2Vision Israel Ibanez/Inclusion Svs Elsa Vasquez/ECF Triandie Wold/Littlest Playmates Cesar Torres/Inclusion Svs Cassandra Luques/SVS Kimberly Yrigoyen/SVS Rachel Saucedo/Easterseals

Dulce Vallejo/SVS Lateisha Getter/Inclusion Svs Marina Margaryan/Westview Bryan Chacon/Maxim Cynthia Cordon/In2Vision Chris Perri/PCDA Armine Kim/Avanti

Staff

Pablo Ibañez Sonia Garibay

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the December 1, 2021 meeting were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board

No report, Ms. Isaac informed that the Board did not meet in December.

HCBS Update

Ms. Garibay reported that LRS is still waiting for the virtual site assessments report. She also mentioned that providers that were initially in full compliance for the self-assessment but not in compliance with the virtual site assessment are considered out of compliance, therefore, the compliance numbers have changed. Once the reports are received, the provider will have the opportunity to come up with a plan to come into compliance by March 2023.

Self Determination Update

Mr. Ibañez had no updates to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Advocacy

Ms. White shared that Assemblyman Chris Holden became a member of the Appropriations Committee. Mr. Holden is a great advocate for people with developmental disabilities.

DDS Updates

Ms. Ibañez shared the following updates:

Rate Reform - the rate reform worksheets, including instructions on how to complete them, have been sent to most providers by LRC Community Services Team as DDS needs extra data points to recalculate rates. DDS is looking for data from the traditional pre-pandemic program only. An e-bulletin on this will be send out shortly.

Providers that have not received a worksheet but should have, must contact Mr. Ibañez at pibanez@lanterman.org

Mr. Ibañez acknowledged that the deadline of January 7 to return the worksheets was quite short, so he advised providers to do the best they can but if they are not able to meet the deadline, there will be no issue but they need to contact him to discuss.

Ms. White asked if rates will be shared with all the regional centers that a provider is vendored with and/or do business with. Ms. Ibanez confirmed that this would be the goal but advised providers to be proactive and share their rates with the regional centers that they do business with to make sure that their rates are always accurate.

Currently, the vendoring regional center sets the rate and user regional centers accept the rates of the vendoring regional center but DDS is considering changing this rule in the future so that user centers have their own local rates.

COVID Variant Surge – LRC has seen an increase in positive provider staff COVID reports. Mr. Ibañez shared that LRC is in position to help offset COVID related costs for providers such as the need to pay staff more to serve COVID positive individuals or to pay overtime due to COVID. U&C providers are exempt and can implement their COVID rates. COVID rates for non U&C providers need to be approved by DDS.

Mr. Ibañez reminded providers that if a staff tests positive it needs to be reported to the regional center on the day of the positive report.

Minimum Wage – Instructions on how to request assistance will be sent to all providers that are not able to pay their employees the minimum wage.

LRC Updates

Mr. Ibañez informed that LRC will be hosting a webinar on January 27, 2022 at 2:00 pm for providers that would like to provide social recreational services. Registration link has been shared on the chat.

LRC staff is still working with staggered schedules to keep everybody safe. KYRC is open by appointments only but the building is still closed to the public.

LRC still has PPE supplies available to providers. To request PPE supplies contact Ms. Garibay at sgaribay@lanterman.org

DDS Electronic Visit Verification

Mr. Ibañez informed that it is not clear if LRC will be following up with providers that are not in compliance with the EVV requirement. DDS is directly engaging providers to get this requirement up and running. Mr. Ibanez encouraged providers to take advantage of the information DDS has available on EVV.

NEW BUSINESS

Service Provider Breakfast

Ms. Isaac asked the group, including non SPAC members, for participation in planning this event. Since COVID is still existent, it is uncertain if this will be planned for an in-person event or a virtual event. Volunteers for the subcommittee are: Nicole Hajjar, Dee Prescott, Nancy Niebrugge, Joann Lockett, Beatriz Diaz, Estherlancia Mercado and Anna Polin.

Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

<u>UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS</u>

- There's a concern among providers about the recent COVID variant surge and it was suggested that providers be able to have both, traditional and alternative POSs active so it will give providers the flexibility to switch if the surge gets worse so services to clients won't be interrupted. Mr. Ibanez clarified that LRC continues to recommend that service coordination have both POSs available at the same time, depending on how the services were authorized.
- Ms. Hajjar Agencies that provide free testing at a provider site are available. A link with information was shared on the chat.

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting ATTENDANCE

2021-2022	N O V 21	D E C 21	J A N 22	F E B 22	M A R 22	A P R 22	M A Y 22	J U N 22	J U L 22	A U G 22	S E P 22	O C T 22	T O T A L
K. WEST-ISAAC - Chair	X	X	X										
K. CASTANEDA	X	X	X										
N. HAJJAR	E	X	X										
D. PRESCOTT	X	X	X										
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K. GRIFFITH	X	X	X										
K. WHITE	X	X	X										
N. NIEBRUGGE*	X	X	X										
M. GABRIELE*	E	E	E										
A. DAY*	X	E	X										

New Membership 2021