

# CLIENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Client Advisory Committee

October 10, 2022

MINUTES

**PRESENT**

Howard McBroom, Chair  
Gaby Funes  
James Li

**STAFF**

Lupe Muñoz  
Srbui Ovsepyan  
John Valencia

**NOT PRESENT**

Thomas Espinosa  
Stefanie Scott  
Rachelle Cabrera

**GUESTS**

Mary Flynn  
Bradley Smith

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 P.M.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The minutes of August 8, 2022 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

**ILS PRESENTATION**

Ms. Muñoz and Mr. Valencia gave a presentation regarding Independent Living Services (ILS). They explained what it is and the areas of support. They also explained the difference between ILS and Supported Living Services (SLS). Additionally, they stated that there are other services available for clients such as In-home Supportive Services (IHSS), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and State Supplementary Payment (SSP). The committee had several clarification questions and discussion followed.

## **TRAILER BILL PRESENTATION**

Ms. Ovsepyan gave a presentation regarding 2022-23 Policy items and explained what each policy consists of. These items include:

1. Regional Center performance measures
2. Early Start Eligibility Expansion
3. Specialized Caseload Ratios for 0-5 year olds
4. Tailored Day service Expansion
5. Changes in the Fair Hearing process
6. Regional Center staff tuition assistance
7. Direct Support Professional (DSP) training stipends.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting is scheduled on November 14, 2022.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37PM.

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SERVICE PROVIDER  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

This SPAC Committee Zoom meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM, a roll call was taken.

**SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kimberly West-Isaac  
Dee Prescott  
Nicole Hajjar  
Keri Castaneda  
Andrew Day  
Greg Sanchez  
Michaelann Gabriele

**Excused**

Kyra Griffith  
Nancy Niebrugge  
Kelly White

**Guests:**

Triandie Wold/Littlest Playm	Ms. V./	DL Cook/Housing
Regina Alina/	Marleen Lopez/	Kendra Espinoza/Tender Touch
Brian Nguyen/Easterseals	Christian De Paz/ACT	Cynthia Barron/ECF
Nanette Cruz/ECF	Regina Alina/	Regina Bahena/In2Vision
Rachel Saucedo/	Cynthia Cordon/	Jazmin Alvarez/Futures Unl
Beatriz Diaz/In2Vision	Casandra Luques/	Jessica Baker/ECF
Andrea Devers/PCS	Armine Kim/Avanti	Azniv Tononyan/In2Vision
Darryl Goodus/	Amber Perez/Smile Ped	Rachel Saucedo/Easterseals
Veronica Solano/Jeffrey Found	Veronia Aleman/SVS	Kimberly Bermudez/24Hr
Jacob Esi/Elite Supp	Cynthia Martinez/Easterseals	Janet Amador/In2Vision
Charlie Farrugia/Pathpoint	Nita Davis/Almansor Center	Adriane Mota/
Ann Polin/Buildability	Edith Williams/Heart to Home	Lateisha Getter/

**Staff**

Pablo Ibañez

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes from the September 7, 2022, meeting were accepted as submitted.

**REPORTS**

**Board**

Ms. Isaac shared the following:

- The Board approved the training plan for the next year.
- Financials were reviewed.
- The 2023 Performance Plan was approved.
- The SCDD presented their upcoming trainings. More information on these trainings is available on their website.

### **HCBS Update**

Mr. Ibañez reported that LRC received funding to support families, clients, staff but especially providers with HCBS compliance. Ms. Karen Ingram and Ms. Marylou Weiss-Stusser, both former Community Services Directors at LRC and WRC respectively, will be working under contract to lead a series of trainings via Zoom to support providers transitioning to become fully compliant. A general required training connecting PCT/PCP practices with HCSB compliance will take place as the first step. Round table discussions as well as 1:1 consultations will be offered. These trainings will be required for providers that need to show compliance. Trainings are scheduled to start by the end of October, more information to come.

Providers that are interested in teaming up to provide support or are willing to learn more about these trainings should contact Mr. Ibañez at [ibanez@lanterman.org](mailto:ibanez@lanterman.org) or Ms. Sonia Garibay at [sgaribay@lanterman.org](mailto:sgaribay@lanterman.org). Ms. Gabriele, Ms. Castaneda and Mr. Day volunteered to participate.

### **Self Determination Update**

Mr. Ibañez reported the following:

- Community Services will soon start the vendorization of the new service code 099, which is the code for Self Directed Support Services for individuals transitioning into Self Determination. There will be 2 versions of the transition supports, one is for any service provider or individual that wants to get involved in transition support, and one for existing FMS agencies. LRC will be hosting a Zoom meeting to provide more details on this new service and vendorization process.
- Regional Centers are now required to ensure that FMS billing is done on a weekly basis to make sure funds are available to pay bills/services for clients.
- DDS issued a Directive allowing providers within Self-Determination to be granted the same rate adjustments as the rates in the traditional service system.

**Mr. Ibanez will find out if a parent can be an independent facilitator and provide services for their own child or not.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Legislative Advocacy**

Ms. Prescott encouraged providers to vote on the next election as providers are the 25% of the population. She also shared that the Lanterman Coalition have released their plan regarding Legislation for the next year. Some advocates in Sacramento that LRC and providers have worked with for a long time and have developed relationships are terming out and that's a concern as new members need to be educated on needs and services for people with disabilities.

Ms. Castaneda suggested advocating to increase the asset limits for SSI as it affects people with disabilities. A link to support the SSI savings penalty elimination act was shared on the chat.

## **DDS Updates**

Mr. Ibañez reported the following:

- DDS just published the 2022 median rates. New providers that were vendored effective April 1, 2022 were not given the 2022 median rates because they were not available back then so they were given the 2020 median rates but now those rates will be adjusted to the 2022 median rates. Providers that need rate adjustment should contact CS Provider Specialist Aide Herrera at [aherrera@lanterman.org](mailto:aherrera@lanterman.org). **Mr. Ibanez will let providers know how to get a list of the median rates and also he**
- Alternative services will end definitely end by the end of the year.
- DDS clarified that because remote services are tied to the DDS 30 day waiver extension and as such, they will not end by the end of the year but providers need to pay attention to the 30 day extensions. 30 day extensions are available on the DDS website. RC Executive Directors have met with DDS to discuss the future of remote services.
- Tailored Day Services and Early Start therapies are the only services that are allowed to be provided remotely for now in the next calendar year. DDS will release updated guidance on what the future of remote and other services will be.
- A survey will be sent to providers to get provider feedback regarding alternative and remote services.

## **LRC Updates**

Mr. Ibañez made a presentation on the DDS Quality Incentive Program and discussed most of the measures. More information to come. The doc was shared on the chat.

Mr. Ibañez shared that there is a new service, coordinated life supports, that DDS has created. Information will be shared with families and providers. These are essentially like supported living services for adults living in the family home.

The State has issued a recent Directive on the monkey pox. Regional center staff and providers need to create a Special Incident Report (SIR) if they learn of any client, regardless of setting, who is diagnosed with monkey pox, tested positive or is hospitalized with monkey pox.

LRC is hosting a meeting with service providers the morning of Thursday, October 6 related to recent changes to residential supplemental daytime funding.

Multiple providers shared frustration linked to unpaid authorizations and a lack of service coordination response. It was suggested that authorizations be automatically extended or be extended in some uniform manner. Mr. Ibañez will share these concerns with Leadership.

Ms. Castaneda recommended having representatives from the Accounting Dept. and Service Coordination attend future meetings so issues can be discussed directly with them and in order to more quickly resolve.

## **DDS Electronic Visit Verification**

Tabled for next meeting.

### **Service Provider Breakfast**

The in-person event is scheduled for November 2, 2022 at the Luminarias Restaurant from 9-11:30 am. Mr. Ibañez will ask Ms. Wilson to send a reminder to providers that have not registered yet as only 81 RSVPs have been received to date. Committee members were asked to arrive at 8:00 to help set up and were also reminded to bring gift baskets of goodies/gift cards for the raffle. Committee will meet after SPAC to finalize details. The link to the invite was shared on the chat.

### **Vendor Fair**

Tabled for next meeting.

### **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

None

### **ADJOURNEMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 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	X	X	E	X	X	N	X	X	X	10
K. CASTANEDA	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	O	E	X	X	9
N. HAJJAR	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	10
D. PRESCOTT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	M	X	X	X	11
G. SANCHEZ	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	E	E	E	X	X	8
K. GRIFFITH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	E	E	E	8
K. WHITE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	T	X	X	E	9
N. NIEBRUGGE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	I	X	X	E	10
M. GABRIELE	E	E	E	X	X	X	X	X	N	E	E	X	6
A. DAY	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	E	G	X	X	X	9