

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Programs & Services Committee

August 10, 2022

MINUTES

PRESENT

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

STAFF

Carmine Manicone
Srbui Ovsepyan

NOT PRESENT

Debbie Cornejo
Karla Garcia
Howard McBroom

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Trevizo-Reinoso called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PERFORMANCE PLAN: Q2 REVIEW

Mr. Manicone reviewed the 2022 performance plan: quarter 2.

Mr. Perri inquired about COVID SIRs. Mr. Manicone explained that all centers are mandated to complete Special Incident Reports (SIRs) on COVID cases. However, while they are reported to DDS, these are not tracked on the Center's performance plan. The COVID SIRs are reviewed at an internal quarterly meeting to see trends. Currently, COVID cases have increased recently, but there aren't many hospitalizations. Discussion followed.

Regarding GOAL 10: Ms. Mazariegos asked if all service coordinators inform parents that they have the option to have their IPPs translated to their preferred language. Mr. Manicone stated that

SCs should be doing this. Mr. Perri asked if there is a checklist for IPPs to check this off. Mr. Manicone stated there is a language choice form that is to be completed with the SC at the IPP meeting and this data is tracked.

There were no changes suggested to the Q2 updates.

Ms. Trevizo-Reinoso expressed her gratitude for all the updates and Mr. Manicone's honesty regarding certain difficulties because of the pandemic and shared her experiences.

Mr. Perri congratulated the center on their continued efforts for employment and internships for adult clients.

Mr. Carvajal asked about the open SIRs regarding abuse/neglect. Mr. Manicone and Ms. Ovsepyan explained that investigations are taking place, but the claims aren't being closed in a timely manner. These SIRs are priority, but if vendors are involved there is a different type of investigation with community services involved. One of the biggest challenges involve delays with DCFS or APS.

Ms. Robinson announced that she has transitioned to self-determination and is very excited and grateful for her service coordinator Isela Martinez.

2023 PERFORMANCE PLAN

Mr. Perri made a motion to recommend the 2023 Performance Plan as drafted (with the change on Goal 6) for Board approval. This was seconded by Ms. Mazariegos and approved by consensus.

OTHER

Mr. Manicone announced that the annual community meetings to present the 2023 performance plan will take place in September and he will share all those dates with the committee via e-mail.

NEXT MEETING

The next committee meeting is scheduled on September 14, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

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**Community Meetings to Address
Changes to Regional Centers and Services, and Potential Effects**

Each year, Lanterman Regional Center hosts community meetings to provide our key partners – individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and our service providers – the opportunity to give us feedback on the future direction and long-term goals of the Center.

This partnership is most successful when all parties involved have an opportunity to participate, and one avenue utilized by the Center to ensure that all persons interested in participating are able to, is at our annual community meetings.

This year's agenda will cover the following topics:

- Budget overview for fiscal year 2022-23
- Legislative changes in the Budget Trailer Bill
- Achievements from the 2022 performance plan
- Proposed performance plan for 2023

We look forward to your attendance at one of the meetings below. This year all meetings will be held virtually via Zoom. If you have any questions or need more information, contact the Koch-Young Resource Center at 213.252.5600 or kyrc@lanterman.org.

COMMUNITY MEETING DATES *

*** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 10 a.m.**

Targeted Audience: Service Providers

Below is the Zoom link for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89984450011>

Meeting ID: 899 8445 0011

Passcode: 955337

*** Monday, September 12, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.**

Targeted Audience: Self-Advocate (Clients)

Below is the Zoom link for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88079573758>

Meeting ID: 880 7957 3758

Passcode: 056160

*** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

Targeted Audience: Spanish Speaking Clients and Families

Below is the Zoom link for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdOuhrioiHNX9JMTmfZrtGyuen2NeGlvR>

*** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

Targeted Audience: English Speaking Clients and Families

Registration required – Translation available upon request by 9/14/2022.

Below is the Zoom link for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMucqvrzwqEtBEhCCsQtsVxbzMh32cC0X8>

You may access the 2023 performance plan and presentation effective August 29, 2022 on our website at www.lanterman.org

After reviewing the plan, you may submit written comments to Melinda Sullivan, Executive Director, at:
Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center, 3303 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90010
or by e-mail at kyrc@lanterman.org. *Deadline for written comments is Friday, October 14, 2022.*

**Reuniones comunitarias para abordar
Cambios en los centros y servicios, y posibles efectos**

Cada año, el Centro Regional de Lanterman organiza juntas comunitarias para brindar a nuestros socios comunitarios - personas con discapacidades del desarrollo, sus familias y nuestros proveedores de servicios- la oportunidad de darnos comentarios sobre la dirección futura y metas a largo plazo del Centro.

Esta asociación sólo tiene éxito cuando todas las partes involucradas tienen la oportunidad de participar, y una vía utilizada por el Centro para asegurar que todas las personas interesadas puedan participar, son nuestras juntas anuales de la comunidad.

La agenda de este año presentara los siguientes temas:

- Resumen del Presupuesto Para el Año Fiscal 2022-23
- Cambios legislativos en el *Budget Trailer Bill*
- Logros del plan de desempeño para 2022
- Plan de Rendimiento Propuesto Para 2023

Esperamos su asistencia a una de las siguientes reuniones. Este año todas las reuniones se llevarán a cabo a través de Zoom. Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita más información, comuníquese con el Centro de Recursos Koch-Young al 213.252.5600 o kyrc@lanterman.org.

FECHAS DE JUNTAS COMMUNITARIAS *

*** miércoles, 7 de septiembre, 2022 a las 10 a.m.**

Audiencia Dirigida: Proveedores de Servicios

Para participar únase a través de Zoom al enlace:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89984450011>

Meeting ID: 899 8445 0011

Passcode: 955337

*** miércoles, 12 de septiembre 1, 2022 a las 4:30 p.m.**

Audiencia Dirigida: Clientes

Para participar únase a través de Zoom al enlace:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88079573758>

Meeting ID: 880 7957 3758

Passcode: 056160

*** martes, 13 de septiembre, 2022 a las 6:00 p.m.**

Audiencia Dirigida: Clientes y familias de habla hispana

Para participar únase a través de Zoom al enlace:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdOuhRjoiHNX9JMTmfZrtGyuen2NeGlvR>

*** miércoles, 21 de septiembre, 2022 a las 4:00 p.m.**

Audiencia Dirigida: Clientes y Familias – Habla Ingles

Registración requerida: traducción disponible bajo petición antes del 14/9/2022.

Para participar únase a través de Zoom al enlace:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMucuvrzwqEtBEhCCsQtsVxbzMH32cC0X8>

Meeting ID: 873 5371 7084

Passcode: 487881

A partir de 29 de Agosto, 2022, puede obtener acceso al plan de rendimiento de 2023 y la presentación en nuestro sitio de internet www.lanterman.org

Después de revisar el plan de rendimiento, puede enviar comentarios por escrito a Melinda Sullivan, Directora Ejecutiva, a: Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center, 3303 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90010 o por correo electrónico kyrc@lanterman.org. Los comentarios por escrito deben ser recibido antes de, 14 de octubre, 2022.

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
2023 - Performance Plan - DRAFT**

Goal	Objectives
<p>1. Decrease the number of Lanterman clients residing in Institutional settings or Out-of-State</p> <p>Number and percentage of RC caseload in DC. Baseline 1/01/23 =</p> <p>- Q1:</p> <p>Number of and percentage of RC caseload in IMD Baseline 1/01/23 =</p> <p>- Q1:</p>	<p>A. Develop 1 new individualized living option for clients moving into the community from the developmental centers, IMD's or Out-of-State. Point Person – Pablo Ibanez</p> <p>Q1 –</p>
	<p>B. Assist 1 previously identified client to move into the community through the Community Placement Plan. Point Person- Carmine Manicone</p> <p>Q1:</p>
<p>2. Maintain the percentage of children residing with families at 99%. Baseline 1/01/23:</p> <p>Number and percent of minors residing with families.</p> <p>- Q1:</p>	<p>A. Provide technical assistance and support to ensure continued operation of support groups. Point Person-Rose Chacana</p> <p>Q1-</p>
	<p>B. Provide Peer Support Partners at critical life transitions for all families requesting such assistance.</p> <p>Point Person: Rose Chacana</p> <p>Q1-</p>
	<p>C. Promote information and referral services of regional center and generic resources. Point Person: Rose Chacana</p>

Goal	Objectives
	<p>Q1-</p> <p>YTD-</p> <hr/> <p>D. Provide Service Coordination and Advocacy Training (SCAT) for all eligible parents who request it to improve their ability to advocate for their child.</p> <p>Point Person-Rose Chacana</p> <p>Q1-</p> <p>YTD -</p>
<p>3. Increase the number and percent of adults residing in home settings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Independent Living - Supported Living - FHA - Family Home <p>Number and percent of adults residing in independent living. Baseline 1/01/23 = - Q1:</p> <p>Number and percent of adults residing in supported living. Baseline 1/01/23 = - Q1:</p> <p>Number and percent of adults residing in adult Family Home Agency homes. Baseline 1/01/23 =</p>	<p>A. Partner with an existing FHA (Family Home Agency) to create more living opportunities for our adult clients. Point Person – Carmine Manicone</p> <p>Q1 –</p> <p>B. Promote trainings with clients and families concerning financial planning. Point Person: Carmine Manicone</p> <p>Q1 –</p>

Goal	Objectives
<p>- Q1:</p> <p>Number and percent of adults residing in family homes (home of parent or guardian). Baseline 1/01/23 =</p> <p>- Q1:</p>	
<p>4. Minimize the number and percent of minors living in facilities serving more than 6 clients. Baseline 1/01/23 =</p> <p>- Q1:</p>	<p>A. Annually review service needs of each child residing in a facility serving more than 6 clients to determine the appropriateness of an alternative living option. Point Person- Carmine Manicone</p> <p>Q1:</p>
<p>5. Minimize the number and percent of adults living in facilities serving more than 6 clients. Baseline 1/01/23 =</p> <p>- Q1:</p>	<p>A. Identify clients living in large facilities, evaluate their needs for level of service/care and transition those for whom it is appropriate to a more appropriate environment. Point Person – Carmine Manicone</p> <p>Q1:</p>
<p>6. Ensure that all clients have access to appropriate medical (including dental and vision) care.</p>	<p>A. Collaborate with Clinica Romero (FQHC) to assist FDLRC clients and their families to locate a medical home. Point Person – Gwen Jordan</p> <p>Q1:</p>
	<p>B. Conduct 1 Reproductive Health and Self Advocacy (RHSA) training programs. Point Person-Maureen Wilson</p> <p>Q1 –</p>
	<p>C. Promote good oral health by continuation of screenings, education of caregivers and clients, and referral to dental professionals. Point Person-Gwen Jordan</p> <p>Q1:</p>

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	<p>D. Designated clinical and community services staff will consult with potential partners such as DMH, local health care plans, vendored providers, and community resources to identify psychiatrists and or psychiatric nurse practitioners to increase access to mental health services. Point Persons-Gwen Jordan, Pablo Ibanez</p> <p>Q1:</p> <p>E. Work with LA Care and Health Net to ensure that clients enrolled in health plan are receiving the needed services. Point Person-Gwen Jordan</p> <p>Q1:</p>
<p>7. Minimize the incidence of abuse of regional center clients.</p>	<p>A. Conduct annual training of service providers on responsibilities related to client rights and mandated abuse reporting. Point Person-Maureen Wilson</p> <p>Q1:</p> <p>B. Review all Special Incident Reports and ensure appropriate follow up on abuse/neglect issues. Point Person- Carmine Manicone</p> <p>Q1:</p> <p>C. Conduct 1 training program focused on personal safety and on sexual abuse and exploitation risk reduction. Point Person-Maureen Wilson</p> <p>Q1 –</p>

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8. Percent of total annual purchase of service expenditures by individual's ethnicity and age. - Birth to age two - Age three to 21 years - Age twenty-two and older	A. Track respite service expenditures for clients' age three and above. Point Person- Carmine Manicone Q1: B. Provide training on respite service standard to clients and families. Q1:																																								
9. Provide a translated IPP to those who request it.	A. Track IPP translation requests and completed IPP translations by language. Point Person- Carmine Manicone Q1:																																								
10. Total annual per capita Purchase of Service expenditures by primary language (for primary languages chosen by 30 or more consumers only)	A. Establish baseline data for future planning purposes. <table><tr><th colspan="2">FY 2020-21</th><th colspan="2">FY 2021-22</th></tr><tr><th>Primary Language</th><th>Count</th><th>Avg. Per Capita</th><th>Change +/-</th></tr><tr><td>English</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Spanish</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Korean</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Armenian</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Tagalog</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Cantonese Chinese</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Russian</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Arabic</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	FY 2020-21		FY 2021-22		Primary Language	Count	Avg. Per Capita	Change +/-	English				Spanish				Korean				Armenian				Tagalog				Cantonese Chinese				Russian				Arabic			
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11. Number and percent of individuals, by race/ethnicity, who are satisfied with the services and supports received by the family and family member.	A. Obtain information by use of the National Core Indicators (NCI) Survey. Overall, are you satisfied with the services and supports your family currently receives? Point Person- Carmine Manicone Q1:																																								
12. Number and percent of individuals, by race/ethnicity, whose IPP/IFSP includes all of the services and supports needed.	A. Obtain information by use of the National Core Indicators (NCI) Survey. IPP/IFSP includes all the services and supports family member needs. Point Person- Carmine Manicone Q1:																																								

Goal	Objectives
<p>13. Number and percent of families, by race/ethnicity who report that services have made a difference in helping their family member at home.</p>	<p>A. Obtain information by use of the National Core Indicators (NCI) Survey. Do you feel that services and supports have made a positive difference in the life of your family member? Point Person- Carmine Manicone</p> <p>Q1:</p>
<p>14. Document number and percentage of clients, ages 16-64 with earned income.</p>	<p>A To obtain this information the following tasks will be completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Coordinators will be trained to complete employment information on the CDER and in the IPP. • The Employment Specialist will work with Service Providers to ensure they report client earnings and job related information. • The Employment Specialist will conduct regular meetings with Service Coordinators regarding the importance of reporting accurate employment information for their clients. • The Employment Specialist will conduct at least two trainings for families to promote Employment for their family members. • The Employment Specialist will review reports received from EDD, DDS and other sources to assist in the reporting of information. • Work collaboratively with SELPAs, Department of Rehabilitation, and supported employment providers to ensure that clients transition from school to work. Participate in transition fairs. <p>Point Person: Pablo Ibanez</p> <p>Q1 -</p>

Goal	Objectives
15. Document annual wages for clients ages 16-64.	A. Information will be obtained from EDD reports distributed by DDS. Point Person: Pablo Ibanez Q1 –
16. Document annual earnings of clients ages 16-64 compared to people with all disabilities in CA.	A. Information will be obtained from EDD reports distributed by DDS. Point Person: Pablo Ibanez Q1 –
17. Document number of adults who have obtained competitive, integrated employment following participation in a Paid Internship Program.	A. Employment Specialist to collect and maintain database to track information. Point Person: Pablo Ibanez Q1 –
18. Document percentage of adults who have obtained competitive, integrated employment following participation in a Paid Internship Program.	A. Employment Specialist to collect and maintain database to track information. Point Person: Pablo Ibanez Q1 –
19. Document average hourly or salaried wages and hours worked per week for adults who participated in a Paid Internship Program during the prior fiscal year.	A. Employment Specialist to collect and maintain database to track information. Point Person: Pablo Ibanez Q1

Goal	Objectives
20. Average wages and hours worked for adults engaged in competitive, integrated employment, on behalf of whom incentive payments have been made.	A. Employment Specialist to collect and maintain database to track information. Point Person: Pablo Ibanez Q1 -
21. Total number of \$1000, \$1250 and \$1500 incentive payments made for the fiscal year.	A. Employment Specialist to collect and maintain database to track information. Point Person: Pablo Ibanez Q1 –
22. Percentage of adults who reported having integrated employment as a goal in their IPP.	A. Establish baseline by obtaining information for individuals ages 22 – 40 on who has employment as a goal in their IPP. B. Conduct audit of random sample client files to confirm this information. Point Person: Pablo Ibanez Q1 –

Goals Reflecting Compliance Outcomes

Goal	Objectives
A. Achieve an unqualified independent audit with no material findings	A. Continue to conduct regional center business in a manner consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Point Person-Kaye Quintero Q1 –
B. Demonstrate substantial compliance with DDS fiscal audit.	A. Achieve an audit outcome with no first-tier findings. Point Person-Kaye Quintero Q1 –

Goal	Objectives
C. Project POS expenditures as reflected on SOAR within 10% of actuals as defined in DDS measurement methodology.	A. Review and refine, as appropriate, current strategies for developing accurate SOAR projections. Point Person-Kaye Quintero Q1 –
D. Operate within the center's OPS budget.	A. Operate within the center's allocation as specified in the contract with DDS. Point Person-Kaye Quintero Q1 –
E. Maintain certification to participate in Medicaid Waiver.	A. Review Medicaid Waiver audit report and ensure that all areas of identified follow-up have been addressed. Point Person- Gwen Jordan Q1 -
F. Demonstrate compliance with Vendor Audit Requirements per contract, Article III, Section 10.	A. Implement a vendor audit plan that identifies the types and numbers of vendors to be audited and that meets the targets established in the contract. Point Person-Kaye Quintero Q1 –
G. Maintain current CDERs and Early Start Reports for all regional center clients.	A. Obtain information on status of CDER and Early Start Reports (ESR) for all FDLRC clients. Point Person – Carmine Manicone Q1:
H. Demonstrate compliance with timelines for completing Intake/assessment and IFSP development for client's age 0-3.	A. Continue requirement for completion of intake/assessment within 35 days to allow sufficient time for SC to develop IFSP. Point Person – Carmine Manicone Q1:

Goal	Objectives
I. Demonstrate compliance with timelines for intake/assessment for clients age 3 and above.	<p>A. Maintain current procedures for intake and assessment of clients age 3 and above, assuring compliance with the 120-day assessment period. Point Person- Carmine Manicone</p> <p>Q1:</p>
J. Demonstrate compliance with requirements for IPP development as specified in W& I Code section 4646.5 (c)(3).	<p>A. Conduct SC training addressing audit findings to ensure compliance with specific requirements of W&I Code 4646.5 (c)(3). Point Person-Maureen Wilson</p> <p>Q1 –</p>
	<p>B. Continue supervisor review and internal audits, as necessary, to assess SC compliance with requirements of W&I Code section 4646.5 (c)(3). Point Person- Carmine Manicone</p> <p>Q1:</p>
K. Demonstrate compliance with Title 17 criteria for IFSP development as specified in the “Audit Review, March, 2018”	<p>A. Continue requirement for completion of intake/assessment within 35 days to allow sufficient time for SC to develop IFSP. (See goal H)</p>
	<p>B. Continue supervisor review and internal audits as needed to ensure the IFSP is held within required timelines, timeliness of provision of services, timeliness of referral to LEA (Lead Education Agency) location of services are identified, and services are being provided in the natural environment.</p> <p>Point Person – Carmine Manicone</p> <p>Q1-</p>

CLIENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Client Advisory Committee

August 8, 2022

MINUTES

PRESENT

Howard McBroom, Chair
Rachelle Cabrera
Thomas Espinosa
Gaby Funes
James Li

STAFF

Lupe Munoz
Srbui Ovsepyan
Shannon Rains

NOT PRESENT

Stefanie Scott
John Valencia

GUESTS

Bradley Smith
Desiree Boykin

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 P.M.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 13, 2022 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

HOUSING

Ms. Shannon Rains, Housing Specialist at Lanterman, shared information with the committee regarding housing. She highlighted types of affordable housing, current wait lists and where to sign up, elderly housing, Accessible Housing for city of LA, housing rights, and disability rights. Ms. Rains answered several questions by committee members and also shared her e-mail and phone number in case anyone else had more questions.

COMMUNITY MEETING: NEXT MONTH

The next meeting is scheduled on September 12, 2022. The CAC will host the annual community meeting to discuss the 2023 Performance Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM.

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SERVICE PROVIDER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
August 3, 2022
Minutes**

This SPAC Committee Zoom meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM and roll call was taken.

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kimberly West-Isaac
Dee Prescott
Nancy Niebrugge
Nicole Hajjar
Keri Castaneda
Kelly White
Andrew Day

Excused

Greg Sanchez
Keri Castaneda
Michaelann Gabriele
Kyra Griffith

Guests:

Kimberly Yrigoyen/SVS	Nicole Mackey/AbilityFirst	Edith Williams/Heart to Home
Cindi Raimondi/ABLE	Anna Polin/BuildAbility	Simmi Sihota/Maxim
Brian Nguyen/Easterseals	Christian De Paz/ACT	Muna Ali/Bism SLS
Nanette Cruz/ECF	Kendra Espinoza/Tender Touch	Regina Bahena/In2Vision
Estherlandia Mercado/VisionL	Kimberly Bermudez/24 Hr	Bernadette Manalo/NBC Home
Beatriz Diaz/In2Vision	Cynthia Cordon/In2Vision	Jazmin Alvarez/Futures Unlim
Andrea Devers/PCS	Armine Kim/Avanti	Azniv Tononyan/In2Vision
Krishna Tabor/ Ms.V/HW & M	Dulce Vallejo/SVS	Isis McDonald/AbilityFirst
Casandra Lukes/SVS	Daryl Goodus/Villa Esp	Marina Margaryan/Westview

Staff

Pablo Ibañez
Sonia Garibay

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the June 8, 2022, meeting were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board

Ms. Isaac shared that usually during the month of July the Board doesn't have a regular meeting, instead the group has a Board training to discuss the Board member's responsibilities and new members are introduced.

HCBS Update

Ms. Garibay shared that we experienced high provider participation related to the submission of Validations and Remediations to meet the HCBS requirements that were due in June and July. Some providers requested an extension. Some of the reviews done by the contractor of the Validation documents has begun. The regional center will be contacting providers if documents are missing.

Remediations will be done at the regional center. This will be an ongoing process over several months. The timeline to share feedback regarding whether or not Day Programs and Residential providers' submission of Validation documentation was acceptable or not is the end of August and for the Remediation documentation it will be around the holidays. Ms. Garibay assured providers that any feedback will be shared with them way before the March 2023 deadline so they will have time to implement their plans. A question was raised regarding providers receiving "proof of compliance" in writing from DDS; Ms. Garibay will bring this up with DDS and will have a response later.

Ms. White asked if LRC has tools in place to assist small providers that are not tech savvy and need more assistance than others to be 100% compliant. Ms. Garibay shared that there is funding that DDS provided to all regional centers to support providers and families. Ideas are being discussed as to how utilize these funds to assist providers with technical assistance, workshops, etc. Ms. White volunteered to be part of a task force to mentor long time providers.

Self Determination Update

Mr. Ibañez shared that clients that are Self Determination participants are allowed to work with providers that are vendored but can also work with providers that are not vendored but within certain parameters. Before July 2022 the FMS agencies were paid out of the allocated SD budget but with the recent Trailer Bill that was approved, the funding for FMS within SD won't come out of that budget anymore. It will be a traditional purchase of services which will be paid by the regional center. Mr. Ibañez also shared that a slow stream of clients continues to move to Self Determination.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Advocacy

The passage of rate reform implementation efforts was discussed. Ms. Prescott encouraged providers to check their rates to make sure they are accurate

DDS Updates

Mr. Ibañez reported that ARCA released a summary of the Trailer Bill Language, these are some highlights:

- There will be a pilot program on remote services and supports. Remote services continue to be allowable month to month.
- Rate reform acceleration implemented meaning providers will see their 50% increase on January 2023. On July 2024 providers will see up to 90% increase of the difference from their current rate to the rate study rate and the last 10% increase will be based on provider incentives.
- New statewide service “Coordinated Family Support Services” will be piloted. Easterseals and MDH have already piloted a similar service. This is essentially like a supported living service for adults that still live in the family home.
- Tailored day services will see some expansions and new rates.
- Half day billing for various day services, supported employment and work activity programs has been repealed.
- Alternative nonresidential services/alternative services will be ending at the end of 2022. Other ideas and options are reportedly being explored.
- DSP recruitment program effort, tuition reimbursement for service coordinators has been approved in the new budget.
- 3-year pilot program on competitive integrated employment.
- DDS employment grants - aimed to any community based organization. Providers that may have ideas on how to support clients, create a career pathways and create real employment options for clients have now the opportunity to apply for these grants. Deadline to apply is August 24.

The e-bulletin and the summary were shared in the chat.

Ms. White shared that she and other providers are concerned about the authorizations backlog. She stated that providers have not been paid for up to 3 months because of the backlog and asked if there’s anything that can be done about it. Ms. Ibañez advised providers to make a list of clients with standing authorizations, and to include the vendor #, the name of the service coordinator, if possible, and email that information to him and Ms. Garibay. Mr. Ibañez stated that there’s definitely a need for a bridge between service providers and service coordination and advised providers that are experiencing repeated issues to email regional managers, and copy him, Ms. Garibay, Ms. Ovsepyan and Mr. Manicone.

LRC Updates

Mr. Ibañez shared the following:

- Effective August 1, 2022 permanent hybrid schedule was implemented. Schedules were created based on people’s individual roles within the center.
- LRC continues to be closed to the public and can’t accommodate any meetings with families or providers due to construction on various floors.
- KYRC is open by appointment only.
- DS1891 – providers were reminded of this requirement and the expectation is that all providers complete this form every 2 years and send it to LRC. More information and links will be shared on future e-bulletins.
- Liability Insurance – this a yearly requirement. Providers were reminded to send all renewals before expiration date to ipadilla@lanterman.org and to make sure that LRC is named as additional insured.

- CPA Reports – this is a DDS requirement. Providers that meet the \$500,000 or more threshold amount are subject to do a review or an audit. If a provider's CPA report has no issues, a 2-year exemption can be granted if requested. Providers that don't meet this requirement are put on Do Not Refer status and that may lead to devendorization. All CPA reports should be sent directly to Aide Herrera at aherrera@lanterman.org.
- Providers are still required to report any staff Covid positive cases on a daily basis. Mr. Ibañez stated that for residential providers LRC still has the authority to help providers with funding to pay for any overtime or COVID pay increase. Non-residential service providers may seek COVID pay assistance through the Health and Safety Waiver process.
- For day services Community Care Licensing has issued some guidance. Providers were encouraged to visit their website.

DDS Electronic Visit Verification

Mr. Ibañez shared that the first regional center provider group that has been impacted by the EVV requirement are SLS, Respite, Home Maker and Personal Assistance service providers. DDS is tracking which providers are in compliance and which providers are not.

The next and final regional center service provider group that will be impacted by this federal requirement are Home Health Providers, Nursing Services, OT, PT, ST and all providers that were vendored under the 700 series. These providers need to be in compliance by January 2023. For a complete list of providers on this group please refer to the last e-bulletin you received.

Service Provider Breakfast

Ms. Prescott shared that the spirit of the breakfast this year will be to recharge, inspire and have people leaving with positive thoughts. Potential key note speakers are Dr. Winn and Dr. Anita Polite. It was confirmed that the event is scheduled for November 2, 2022 at the Luminarias Restaurant. CDC and Public Health Guidance guidelines were shared. Subcommittee is working so the vaccination screening of people and registration will go smoothly. Volunteers to check vaccination screening and registration are needed. For those that have not been vaccinated a 48 hour negative Covid test will be required. Masks will be available; it will not be mandatory to wear a mask inside the building but it will be recommended. Providers were encouraged to donate baskets of goodies but virtual donations are also welcomed. Subcommittee will coordinate the preparation and delivery of the center pieces.

Provider Training

Ms. Prescott recommended the DTI training; a link was shared in the chat. She encouraged providers to continue supporting this resource. Ms. Prescott suggested pushing the Provider Training to next year due to lack of time to organize it.

Vendor Fair

Mr. Ibañez reported that the virtual Vendor Fair is scheduled for September 29th at 9:30 am. The intent of this fair is to mimic an in-person Vendor Fair. This fair is for providers in good standing. Planning is still in process.

NEW BUSINESS

New Committee Chair and SPAC vacancy tabled to the October meeting.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

None

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 am

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

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K. WEST-ISAAC - Chair	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X				
K. CASTANEDA	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	E				
N. HAJJAR	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
D. PRESCOTT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
G. SANCHEZ	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	E	E				
K. GRIFFITH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E				
K. WHITE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X				
N. NIEBRUGGE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
M. GABRIELE	E	E	E	X	X	X	X	X	E				
A. DAY	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	E	X				