

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Programs & Services Committee

August 9, 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT

Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso, Chair
Debbie Cornejo
Darryl Goodus
Howard McBroom
Yudy Mazariegos
Kristianna Moralls
Trudy Robinson

GUEST

William Marston
Donald Phippen

NOT PRESENT

Oscar Carvajal
Karla Garcia
Christopher Perri

STAFF

Rose Chacana
Syuzanna Mejlumyan
Srbui Ovsepyan

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Howard McBroom called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M. (Ms. Trevizo-Reinoso was having technical difficulties with her audio).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 14, 2023 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

2023-24 PERFORMANCE PLAN, Q2 REPORT

Ms. Srbui Ovsepyan reviewed Q2 of the 2023-24 Performance Plan. There were no changes suggested by the committee. Discussion followed.

Mr. Goodus commented that many independent living programs have been receiving several referrals for adult clients living in their cars or who are unhoused. There is a steep increase in these situations. He proposed tracking instances like these at Lanterman in the future. Ms. Ovsepyan added that Lanterman continues to look for affordable housing options and helping individuals who either are at risk of homelessness or are homeless. The state is close to updating the CDER to track housing status.

KYRC PRESENTATION

Ms. Rose Chacana introduced Ms. Syuzanna Mejlumyan who was promoted to regional manager of KYRC. Ms. Chacana presented an overview of the programs offered at KYRC. These include family support, information and referral, community awareness, education and training, assistive technology, Strong Beginnings, enhanced caseload management, service access and utilization Community Navigator Program and the Language Access and Cultural Competency (LACC).

Ms. Mazariegos asked for more information regarding respite and personal assistant provides. Ms. Chacana explained that Lanterman is actively recruiting for these roles who speak either Spanish, Armenian, or Korean.

Mr. McBroom volunteered to be part of the 2023 self-advocate leadership program.

Ms. Mazariegos congratulated the KYRC for all they do and added that it is the most important place for parents. She also suggested adding more recreational services for adult clients under the Network of Care.

Ms. Robinson asked where more information can be found regarding the Community Navigator Program and Ms. Chacana reported that informational flyers have been posted online and have been distributed via e-mail. This program began in January and it has been well received.

IPP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

This item was tabled until the following month.

OTHER

Ms. Moralls would like to add reviewing the new trailer bill language as it relates to social recreational/camp services and respite to next month's agenda. Ms. Srbui confirmed that the updates to the Trailer Bill Languages will be discussed and reviewed next month.

Ms. Chacana announced that the Caseload Ratio Community meeting will take place on August 22, 2023. In September, community meetings will take place to discuss the budget. All information for this meeting will be shared with the committee.

NEXT MEETING

The next committee meeting is scheduled on September 13, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 AM.

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CLIENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Client Advisory Committee

August 14, 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT

Howard McBroom, Chair
Thomas Espinosa
James Li
Bradley Smith

NOT PRESENT

Rachelle Cabrera
Mary Flynn
Gaby Funes

STAFF

Lupe Munoz
John Valencia

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 12, 2023 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

ANNUAL PROJECT

Ms. Munoz reported that the Committee members who wanted to, will be sharing information about themselves and their relationship to the regional center and service coordinators. These responses will be recorded and shared with new service coordinators at their brown bag trainings. All four committee members present participated while Ms. Munoz and Mr. Valencia asked a series of questions.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled on September 11, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM

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SERVICE PROVIDER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
August 2, 2023
Minutes**

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

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Dee Prescott
Greg Sanchez
Kelly White
Kyra Griffith
Keri Castaneda
Michaelann Gabriele
Bryan Chacon

EXCUSED

Andrew Day
Nancy Niebrugge
Nicole Hajjar

Guests:

Nicole Mackey/Abilityfirst	Chinyere/Opendoor	Kendra Espinoza/Tender Touch
Triandie World/Littlest	Dulce Vallejo/SVS	Dr. Bass/Workforce Dev
Laurie Gayle/VL Open	Maria Davila/Passport	Kimberly Isaac/CalWes
Alex/Oxford Healthcare	Sara Dobinski/Inclusion	Dr. Shawn/AFAHUB
Kimberly Yrigoyen/SVS	Kimberly Avila/Inclusion	Glenda Alvarico/Maxim
Veronica Aleman/SVS	Lateisha Getter/Inclusion	Cindi Raimondi/ABLE
Christian De Paz/ACT	Adela Garcia/TCC	Traci Martinez/Adventist HG
Eddie Bueno/Aveanna	Beatriz Diaz/In2Vision	Brian Nguyen/Easterseals
Abel Alvarez/24HR	Azniv T/In2Vision	Jacob Esi/Elite Support
Veronica Solano/Jeffrey Found	Jose Ramirez/Aveanna	Armine Kim/Avanti
Sarai Nelson/Building Blocks		

Staff

Pablo Ibañez
Sonia Garibay
Christian Irigoyen

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from June 7, 2023 were approved as submitted.

Mr. Ibañez introduced Ms. Christian Irigoyen, former Resource Developer, as the new Rates and Vendorization Supervisor. She was promoted recently and is going through the transition period.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

No report. Ms. Prescott reported that the Board met in July but it was just for their annual training and to go over formal pieces of business, as the Conflict of Interest.

HCBS Update

Ms. Garibay reported that there is a training coming up next Tuesday August 8, with Mr. Tom Pomeranz from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. This training is entitled “Achieving the Right of Adult Status”. Providers were strongly encouraged to attend, especially providers that work with adult clients.

A second training with Mr. Pomeranz is scheduled on September 12 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and is entitled “Assuring Individual Rights: The Price of Liberty”. Mrs. Garibay posted the ARCAlearn link for registration in the chat.

Ms. Garibay also spoke about Person Centered Thinking training. Enrollment is open again for classes. Starting August 21, these classes will be offered 4 days a week, two weeks in a row, from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. Ms. Garibay shared that LRC will be offering a small stipend to service providers to offset some of the cost of sending staff to attend PCT trainings. The stipend will be about \$360.00 per certificate. Staff attending the training should turn in their certificates so the providers can claim the stipend. Final decisions regarding amounts and which providers can request are being made now. Providers that qualify for this stipend will be notified in the near future.

Self Determination

No report. Mr. Ibañez reported that self-determination continues to grow steadily. Ms. White asked how many LRC clients are enrolled in the Self-Determination program; Mr. Ibañez will forward that info to the group later.

OLD BUSINESS

SP Breakfast

Ms. Griffith reported that the breakfast has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 21st but there has been a change in location. She will share info about the new venue and other details at the next meeting.

Resource Vendor Fair

Mr. Sanchez informed that the subcommittee has not met but the Vendor Fair is still scheduled on September 28 from 10:00 – 11:30 am. He informed that Kelly Privet from AbilityFirst, who is assisting the subcommittee with the planning, surveyed service coordinators and was able to collect information to identify what service codes or areas service coordinators are interested in hearing from. Providers that are selected to participate will need to meet the basic criteria, which is to be in good standing with the regional center.

There will be multiple breakout sessions for selected providers for all service types. Providers that are not selected will still have the opportunity to participate. All service coordinators are invited to attend.

Providers that want to participate should contact Ms. Sanchez; he shared his contact info in the chat.

Vendor Training

Subcommittee has not met, Mr. Day will report at the next meeting. This training will be during the October SPAC meeting.

Legislative Advocacy

No report.

There was a discussion regarding the wage study and the elimination of the daily rate for providers. There significant change in revenue this would mean for providers was raised. Ms. White stated that advocacy efforts really needs to come together. Mr. Ibañez shared that DDS is aware of these concerns and will raise again with his peer group and DDS and report back next month.

Ms. Castaneda shared that AbilityFirst is already advocating on the elimination of the daily rate issue.

Mr. Sanchez expressed concern regarding SB 525, which increases the minimum wage to \$25.00 per hour for health care workers. If this bill passes, many providers will be seriously impacted, especially providers that have intermediate care facilities. The question regarding whether or not certain RC provider employees would be affected or not was raised.

DDS Updates

Mr. Ibañez shared that he will be attending a DDS Statewide meeting today through Friday. He will be discussing rate reform implementation with his peers and DDS. He also shared that he and Ms. Kaye Quintero, Associate Director of Administrative Services, are part of the DDS workgroup helping to operationalize implementation of rate reform. Mr. Ibañez shared that DDS is aware of all the concerns around the rate reform and asked the group for feedback to take back to DDS.

Ms. Prescott suggested sending a joint letter from the group to DDS to joint express all providers' concerns. She will draft the letter and will present it at the September SPAC meeting.

Mr. Ibañez shared that DDS is meant to release service codes changes related to rate reform implementation by September, at the latest. The third and final rate change will be implemented in July 2024. About 20% of service providers will be affected by the service code facelift, which will be implemented by July 1, 2024.

The current recommendation is for DDS to create a standardized statewide program design addendum template for providers that will need to change their program design due to a change in service code.

Mr. Ibañez shared ARCA's Developmental Services Trailer Language Bill AB 121 and went over the most important points.

He also mentioned that, effective July 1, 2023 there are new training incentives for supported employment providers and reminded service providers of general Paid Internship Program (PIP) incentive payment eligibility. To learn more about these incentives providers should contact Ms. Carmen Jimenez-Wynn, Supported Employment Specialist; her information was posted in the chat.

Mr. Ibañez also reported on the Captain Project. Captain efforts are statewide and autism focused. This will be included on the next e-bulletin. A flyer with links to free trainings, tools and resources was shared with the group.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Conference Resources

Ms. Prescott shared the following conference resources:

- California Disability Services – Annual conference, Sept 19 through Sept 21
- California Association for Adult Day Services – conferences are offered during the Spring and Fall. This year conference is scheduled for Nov 13 through Nov 15
- National Adult Day Service Association – Sept 27 and Sep 29

Info was shared in the chat.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Mr. Sanchez - Home Instead received a grant through CalGrows Innovation Fund. This organization provides direct care staff with access to free paid trainings.
- Ms. White raised a concern regarding LRC's practice of only extending authorization for 3 months since this creates more work and back billing issues since authorizations are not completed timely. She also raised the general concern of reversing the annual automatic authorization rollover.
- Ms. Prescott attested that LRC is the only regional center that does a 3-month rollover at a time so providers have to get a new contract every 3 months, that creates a financial burden for providers.
- Another concern raised was that providers need to participate in meetings linked to progress reporting and if the meeting does not take place in a timely fashion this impacts the authorizations and subsequent billing.

Mr. Ibañez will bring these issues to the attention of Executive Leadership.

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

2022-2023	N O V 22	D E C 22	J A N 23	F E B 23	M A R 23	A P R 23	M A Y 23	J U N 23	J U L 23	A U G 23	S E P 23	O C T 23	T O T A L
D. PRESCOTT - Chair	N	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N	X			
K. CASTANEDA	O	X	E	E	X	X	X	X	O	X			
N. HAJJAR		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		E			
G. SANCHEZ	M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	M	X			
K. GRIFFITH	E	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	E	X			
K. WHITE	E	E	E	X	X	X	X	X	E	X			
N. NIEBRUGGE	T	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	T	E			
M. GABRIELE	I	X	X	E	E	X	X	X	I	X			
A. DAY	N	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	N	E			
B. CHACON*	G						X	E	G	X			

*New member