

SERVICE PROVIDER  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center  
Service Provider Advisory Committee  
June 2, 2021  
Minutes**

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

**SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**Guests:**

Kimberly Yrigoyen/SVS  
Christian Depaz/ACT  
Armine Kim/Avanti  
Ashly Dominguez/In2vision  
Janet Amador/In2vision  
D.L Cook/Quantum Housing  
Nanette Cruz/ ECF  
Rosalind Ford/ SVS  
Darryl Goodus Villa Esp

Nancy Niebrugge/Campbell Center  
Jacklin Pfaff/Education Solutions  
Joann Ahn/ECF Art Ctr Downtown  
Brian Nguyen/Easter Seals  
Azniv Tonoyan/In2vision  
Veronica A/ SVS  
Marina Margaryan/ Westview Serv.  
Rachel Saucedo/ Easter Seals  
Nita Davis/Institute for the Redesign

Kimberly Bermudez/Hour Home Care  
Beatrice Diaz/In2Vision Programs  
Israel Ibañez/InClusion Services  
Bijian Beizai/In2vision Programs  
Anna Polin/Build  
Traci Martinez/Adventist Health  
Jonathan Chagolla/Inclusion Serv.  
Kevin Shields/Build Rehab Ind.  
Andrea Devers/PC's  
Cassandra Luques/ SVS

**Staff**

Pablo Ibañez  
Sonia Garibay

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from May 5, 2021 were accepted as submitted.

**REPORTS**

**Board**

Ms. Isaac reported the following:

- Administrative services presented on COVID measures at the center. There was discussion regarding the status of helping staff to work remotely. There is no set date for employees to return to the office. DDS issued a directive regarding resuming in-person services monitoring visits.
- LRC's transition to electronic records was reviewed.

- Budget/May revise discussed. The proposed budget is due to the governor on June 15, 2021.
- Consensus for funding on Self-Determination.
- LRC Budget for the upcoming year was reviewed.

### **HCBS Update**

Ms. Garibay reported on the compliance funding that was granted by DDS for the programs that applied. Four out of the six programs were granted the funding. The programs were non-residential. As requested by service providers temporary staff positions, training and vehicles were funded. Providers were asked to revise their budgets and transition milestones to submit by May 31, 2021.

The programs that were selected for the HCBS virtual site assessments are still currently being scheduled by PCG. Ms. Garibay will be attending her first meeting tomorrow (06/03/21). The providers that were selected will be receiving an email with a time and information on how the virtual site assessment will be conducted. Each program is being allowed to select a program participant to participate in the interview process. OIG, DDS and a regional Center representative will be present.

### **Self Determination Update**

Mr. Ibañez reported June 8, 2021 will mark the official statewide roll-out for any client that is interested in becoming part of the Self-Determination Program.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Legislative Advocacy**

Ms. White suggested advocating for having our local legislator's approve what DDS has submitted in terms of the rates. June 15, 2021 is the deadline for the proposed budget.

- Eliminating the Uniform Holidays.
- DDS is reviewing to increase funding for service coordination.
- Senate has proposed funding a support position for the deaf community.
- Senate has proposed funding Community Navigators.

### **DDS Updates**

Mr. Ibañez shared the following:

- There are funds for continued Covid relief.
- There's a proposal to eliminate the eleven Uniform Holiday days.
- Proposal to fund START teams which are specific crisis response teams. There are a few in the state already and they are looking to expand the program.
- Bilingual differential – increase pay for bilingual DSPs.
- Expanding of Paid Internship Program/Competitive Integrated Employment will make it available to more individuals.
- Self Determination Program – there may be funds to be awarded to assist with the transitioning into the Self Determination Program. There is a proposal for a Participant Choice Specialist.
- Proposal for funding targeted engagement of the Native American population.

- Implicit bias training for regional center intake staff.
- Proposal for enhanced service coordination to create specialized caseloads for clients who have little or no purchase of service expenditures.

### **LRC Updates**

Mr. Ibañez updated on resuming in-person services. LRC remains the same with a skeleton crew. There are staff that come in on a regular basis and some staff that come into the office once or twice a week.

DDS issued a Directive to resume in-person quarterly meetings for individuals who are in out of home care situations. Regional Centers were given a deadline to propose a plan and implement. PPE kits have been assembled for services coordinators. For Quality Assurance visits there's no definitive plan yet. For providers resuming in-person services, regional center is not taking any authoritative stance to resume in-person services. Community Care Licensing is asking that providers submit their mitigation plans.

### **SP Breakfast**

Tabled for next meeting – subcommittee to meet.

### **Vendor Fair**

Mr. Sanchez reported that the subcommittee met on May 20, 2021. There is no definitive date yet. Dates that are being consider are September 9, 2021 or October 7, 2021. The fair will be virtual from 9:30am – 11:00am. There will be a panel presentation based on predetermined questions. Subcommittee will be reaching out to people who would like to be part of the panel. Subcommittee will not be doing any giveaways other than electronic information pamphlets that can be provided to the service coordinators. Next meeting will be June 17, 2021 where the final process to become a panel speaker will be discussed as well as what information services should include in the pamphlets.

### **Provider Training**

Ms. Prescott shared she is still promoting the Disability Thrive initiative trainings. Training on Change Management Strategies for Disability Services to Thrive, June 9, 2021 @ 3pm followed by a lunch and learn on Friday, June 10, 2021.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **DDS Directive-In Person Monitoring**

Ms. Ibañez shared LRC will be returning to provider in-service trainings.

Ms. Garibay shared a survey will be going out to providers to complete. LRC will be resuming to provider in-services trainings. These trainings would take place every first Tuesday of the month. LRC will begin with virtual trainings, maybe eventually moving to in person trainings. The plan for now will be to start with quarterly trainings and move on to monthly trainings.

- Information on Joint Technology RFP's is posted on LRC's website. All seven L.A. based regional centers are part of the RFP's. Deadline to submit Proposal is June 15,

2021. WRC is at the helm of this joint process. The goal is to create a technology lending library for clients who do not have access to remote technology equipment or wifi.

### **SPAC VACANCIES**

Mr. Ibañez shared that a handful of applications were received. The process will be opened up until the end of June for anyone who is interested to submit their application.

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

Next Meeting: July 7, 2021

### **ADJOURNEMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31AM.

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## *Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting* **ATTENDANCE**

<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>N O V 20</b>	<b>D E C 20</b>	<b>J A N 21</b>	<b>F E B 21</b>	<b>M A R 21</b>	<b>A P R 21</b>	<b>M A Y 21</b>	<b>J U N 21</b>	<b>J U L 21</b>	<b>A U G 21</b>	<b>S E P 21</b>	<b>O C T 21</b>	<b>T O T A L</b>
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<b>K. CASTANEDA</b>	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X					
<b>N. HAJJAR</b>	X	X	E	X	E	X	X	X					
<b>D. PRESCOTT</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
<b>G. SANCHEZ</b>	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
<b>K. GRIFFITH</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
<b>K. WHITE</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
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**PROGRAMS  
AND SERVICES  
COMMITTEE**

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ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

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