

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**March 15, 2023**

### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT**

Al Marsella, Chair  
Louis Mitchell  
Brigitte Sroujeh

#### **NOT PRESENT**

Larry DeBoer

#### **STAFF**

Melinda Sullivan

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Ms. Sroujeh moved to approve the minutes of February 15, 2023, Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

#### **BOARD RECRUITMENT**

The Committee continued discussion on the board composition for 2023-24 and reviewed additional applications. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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# PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Programs & Services Committee

March 8, 2023

MINUTES

**PRESENT**

Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso, Chair  
Oscar Carvajal  
Darryl Goodus  
Debbie Cornejo  
Karla Garcia  
Howard McBroom  
Christopher Perri

**STAFF**

Carmine Manicone  
Srbui Ovsepyan

**GUESTS**

Kristianna Moralls

**NOT PRESENT**

Yudy Mazariegos  
Trudy Robinson

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Trevizo-Reinoso called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M. via Zoom.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of February 8, 2023 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

**FINAL PERFORMANCE PLAN REPORT 2022**

Mr. Manicone reviewed the 2022 Performance Plan with the committee. There were no changes suggested to the plan. The committee discussed mental health and the need for psychiatrists at Lanterman. Mr. Goodus also brought up the topic of opioids and overdoses.

## **UPDATE ON DDS PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Mr. Manicone gave an update on the current rollout of DDS performance measures and reported on several DDS directives. He highlighted that there are six measurement priorities for FY 2022-25 and those are as follows:

- Early Start
- Employment
- Equity and Cultural Competency
- Individual & Family Experience and Satisfaction
- Person-Centered Services Planning
- Service Coordination Regional Center Operations

He reported that the Early Start Child Find plan is due by April 1. Measures on Equity and Cultural Competency are due by mid-March and May 31, and other measures will be due later in the year. There are also DDS Directives such as the restoration of the Parental Family Fee Program for children funded in 24 hour out of home placement, caseload ratio surveys, and public reporting of POS expenditures, which need to be completed in March. Additionally, he reported on changes to the Fair Hearing process which need to be implemented beginning in March 2023

## **POSSIBLE IN-PERSON MEETING**

The committee discussed meeting in person and everyone agreed that they would like to meet in person in April. Mr. Darryl Goodus volunteered to host the meeting at Villa Esperanza.

## **VOTING IN NEW MEMBER**

The committee voted unanimously to accept Ms. Kristianna Moralls as a voting member of the Programs and Services committee.

## **OTHER**

The committee discussed and strategized on recruiting additional adult clients for this committee.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next committee meeting is scheduled on April 12, 2023.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43AM

SERVICE PROVIDER  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center  
Service Provider Advisory Committee  
March 1, 2023  
Minutes**

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

**SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dee Prescott  
Nicole Hajjar  
Greg Sanchez  
Kelly White  
Andrew Day  
Nancy Niebrugge  
Kyra Griffith  
Keri Castaneda

**Excused**

Michaelann Gabriele

**Guests:**

Kimberly Isaac/West Res	Cindi Raimondi/ABLE	Celia Montes
Armine Kim/Avanti	Christian De Paz/ACT	Darryl Goodus/Villa Esperanza
Adela Garcia/TCC	Kennia Reyes/Start	Nanette Cruz/ECF
Glenda Alvarico/Maxim	Neda Rezapoor/Thrive&Shine	Beatriz Diaz/In2Vision
Stephanie Johnson/Futures Unl	Simmi Sihota/Maxim	Brian Nguyen/Easterseals
Lateisha Getter/Inclusion	Anna Polin/BuildAbility	Kimberly Yrigoyen/SVS
Celia Montes/ECF	Dr. Shawn/AFAHUB	Traci Martinez/Adventist HG
Veronica Solano/Jeffrey Found	Ebony Montgomery/SDF	Maura Henriquez/Easterseals
Triandie Wold/Littlest Play	Kendra Espinoza/Tender Touch	Regina Quiroz/In2Vision
Jacob Esi/Elite Support	Max Konan/A Bright Future	Anselma Heredia/Futures unl
Patricia Ayala/Start	Diego Hernandez/ButterFli	Dr. DaNiesha C./Start
Jack Darakjian/MSS	Marina Margaryan/Westview	

**Staff**

Pablo Ibañez  
Sonia Garibay  
Lisa Pirruccello

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from February 1, 2023 were approved as submitted.

## **START Presentation**

The state of California made the decision to invest in the START Model. Mr. Timothy Harmon, CA START Lanterman Program Director gave a detailed presentation on the program and explained the various functions. The START Model is a mental health and crisis prevention and intervention program intended to serve individuals that are dually diagnosed with a developmental disability and mental health disorder. The model itself has been around for 30 plus years. Information about this program will be posted on the LRC website and will also be shared via an ebuletin.

To be eligible individuals must be an LRC client, reside in the LRC catchment area, be at least 6 years of age and have a known or suspected mental health/behavioral need. Their goal is to enhance and connect the system, fill in any gaps but not replace any service.

Regional centers have received funds to bring these services to the State of California; the ultimate goal is for each regional center to have its own START Services.

Dr. DaNiesha Colvin, CA START Lanterman Clinical Director, Ms. Kennia Reyes, CA START Lanterman Team Lead and Ms. Patricia Ayala, CA START Lanterman Clinical Team Lead also attended the meeting. Mr. Harmon shared his information in the chat in case there are any questions; [tim.harmon@yai.org](mailto:tim.harmon@yai.org) or 510-701-4713. Ms. Lisa Pirruccello, LRC Autism Coordinator, is the contact person to connect with the program. She can be reached at [lpirruccello@lanterman.org](mailto:lpirruccello@lanterman.org)

## **REPORTS**

### **Board**

No Report.

### **HCBS Update**

Ms. Garibay shared that March 17, 2023 is the day all service providers need to show full paper compliance with HBCS requirements. She reported that all documentation submitted to the RC has been reviewed; 99% of providers are in compliance in terms of documentation; there is only one provider that has not responded.

Ms. Garibay stated that in the next couple of years there will be more work to do, transitioning from paper compliance to actual compliance on how the services are delivered. Many providers have already made significant changes but few more changes are still required. QA staff will help providers to bring them into full compliance. LRC continues working with contractors Karen Ingram and Mary Lou Weise Stusser. They will be convening implementation meetings every month; those meetings will be from 10:00 – 11:30 am via Zoom. These meetings are starting in March and will go on until further notice. They are scheduled as follows:

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month will be for Residential providers

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month will be for non-residential adult services programs

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month will be for non-residential children services programs

New providers were encouraged to contact Ms. Garibay at [sgaribay@lanterman.org](mailto:sgaribay@lanterman.org) to determine if they need to participate in those meetings.



Providers that do not reach full compliance by the deadline will face a financial impact in the form of a 40%, 45% rate reduction. It appears the percentage will vary by regional center depending on their Medicaid Waiver participation. Providers will be placed on the Do Not Refer status and ultimately will be devendored.

### **Self Determination**

No updates.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Legislative Advocacy – Grassroots Day**

Ms. Prescott reminded the group that Grassroots Day will continue to be virtual this year and is scheduled for March 29. ARCA has not indicated what topics will be discussed.

Ms. White shared that huge changes are coming as well as changes in legislators. She reported that Legislator Chris Holden is terming out; he will be running for Catherine Berger's L.A. supervisory position; Phlunte Riddle and Felicia Williams are running against each other for Holden's office next year as well as Anthony Portantino is going to be running for Congress. With all the upcoming changes, the RCs will be losing long time advocates.

Mr. Sanchez shared that he attended an advocacy day for the Home Care Association of America in Sacramento yesterday. He shared that the Department of Social Services announced that Guardian, the Community Care Licensing system that all providers use to do the background checks for all direct care staff, is broken even though, it's been operating for only 2 years. It is expected that it will take CCL at least 2 years to find a replacement.

Providers were encouraged to know who their area representatives are. A list of Legislators, at the local, federal and State level, is posted on the LRC website and can be accessed by entering a zip code.

Ms. Prescott shared that this year every regional center has a surplus which may increase by the end of the fiscal year because programs and transportation providers have to send staff home for lack of attendance. She recommends the State offer providers a contract for a certain number of days and honor and pay providers those days regardless of attendance so providers can stay in business. She encouraged other providers to advocate for this.

### **DDS Updates**

Mr. Ibañez shared the following:

Topics that are being discussed on the proposed budget:

- Securing funding for continued minimum wage adjustments
- Mileage rates, keeping up with the actual mileage costs
- Funding for Early Start
- Funding related to quality incentive
- Rate reform

FY 2023/24 budget proposals are available on the DDS website. A link was shared on the chat.

- There is reimbursement money available for Early Start providers that want to send their staff to trainings. All regional centers were allocated funds for this purpose; funds will be available until they run out or by the end of September 2023. Providers were reminded that RC must pre approve these trainings. Mr. Edward Perez, EI Manager is the contact person. He can be reached at [eperez@lanterman.org](mailto:eperez@lanterman.org). A link with all the available trainings was shared in the chat, information will also be included in the next bulletin.
- Rate reform continues to be underway. Despite the glitches in the system, the January rates will be updated accordingly. Providers that are not receiving the correct rate were asked to contact Mr. Ibañez at [pibanez@lanterman.org](mailto:pibanez@lanterman.org).
- The State of Emergency ended yesterday, February 28, 2023. No word from DDS yet related to increased flexibility and remote services provision. Early start can offer service remotely as an ongoing option. Day programs, look alike day programs and ILS providers are allowed to continue remotely through 2023. Day programs, day programs look alike, supported employment and work activity programs are eligible to offer tailored day services (TDS) and remote service provision is available as an option within tailored day services,.
- ICF facilities will be required to transition residents to Medi-Cal Managed Care by January 1, 2024.
- Coordinated Family Supports (CFS), a brand new service line has been introduced. This service will meet coordination needs of adults living in the family home where there is a higher level of coordination needed. LRC and Kern RC are piloting this service; some providers have been contacted to participate; feedback and data will be provided to the State of California. This service line is open to all service providers. A link was shared in the chat.

## **LRC Updates**

Mr. Ibañez shared that Client's & Family Services Associate Directors, Carmine Manicone and Srbiu Ovsepyan will be invited to future SPAC meetings as well as Accounting and other staff as Committee members have asked that SPAC meetings have LRC staff presence.

Committee members will let Mr. Ibañez know about the topics and/or a specific department reps that providers would like to hear from. Any suggestions should be sent to Mr. Ibañez. Providers also suggested that Ms. Melinda Sullivan, LRC Executive Director should attend the SPAC meetings at least twice a year.

Mr. Ibañez asked SLS providers to share the documents that they use to help clients moving into an apartment as LRC is looking at internal processes to better help clients in need of affordable housing. The State provides funds to develop specialized homes but regional centers receive funds to develop one home a year that will only house 3 or 4 individuals and it takes about 3 years to get the home up and running. The State is pushing RCs to submit funding to develop multifamily homes/apartments. LRC and 6 other regional centers were awarded funding to develop multifamily apartment complexes. Mr. Jack Darakjian will forward the documents that MSS use for this purpose.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Review Committee Assignments**

- SPAC Breakfast Subcommittee members:

Nicole Hajjar, Chair,  
Kyra Griffith, Co-Chair  
Nancy Niebrugge,  
Beatriz Diaz, and  
Joann Lockett

Any ideas for the breakfast should be sent to Mr. Ibañez.

- Resource Fair Subcommittee members:  
Greg Sanchez, Chair  
Kelly White  
Kim Isaac  
Jacob Esi  
Max Konan  
Kelly Privit
- Vendor Training Subcommittee members:  
Andrew Day, Chair  
Dee Prescott  
Keri Castaneda

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

- MSS has two affordable units available for seniors 62 plus in the Glendale area; they are one bedroom/one bath and there's no waiting list. Interested should contact Ms. Darakjian at [jackdarakjian@modernsupportservices.org](mailto:jackdarakjian@modernsupportservices.org) or 818-244-2677 ext. 101.
- Free training on "sexual assault" via Zoom free of charge. This is a two-part training on March 21 and March 23 from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. A link was shared in the chat.
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a grant opportunity for any community based organization that is interested in proposing solutions to address environmental and public health issues in underserved areas.
- CCL is resuming their full monitoring visits at licensed homes and programs starting this month. A link was shared in the chat.
- Armine Kim, Director at Lutheran Social Services/Avanti shared that she's a graduate student and she's conducting a research study of adult day program directors and their leadership during the pandemic. Interested individuals should contact Ms. Kim directly; her information was shared in the chat. Interviews will be about 30 minutes long.

#### **ADJOURNEMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am

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

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