

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Client Advisory Committee

January 9, 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT

Howard McBroom, Chair
Rachelle Cabrera
Thomas Espinosa
Mary Flynn
Gaby Funes
James Li
Bradley Smith

STAFF

Lupe Munoz
Melina Orendain
Srbui Ovsepyan
John Valencia

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 P.M.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 14, 2022 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

DEAF AND HARD HEARING PRESENTATION

Ms. Melina Orendain introduced herself. She is the deaf access specialist at Lanterman. She explained that develops and creates new resources for FDLRCs clients. She does not have a caseload, but does work alongside service coordination to identify client needs and for consultation. Currently, Lanterman has interpretation services and a few ASL programs.

The committee had several questions. Ms. Cabrera asked if Lanterman funds for hearing aids and Mr. Smith stated that his hearing aid was paid by Lanterman. Mr. Valencia reminded the committee to speak with their service coordinator if they had any concerns regarding hearing aids or anything Ms. Orendain presented. Ms. Cabrera asked if Lanterman also funds for speech therapy for clients

who are hard of hearing or deaf and Ms. Orendain will look into it. Mr. Li asked if Lanterman has ATEC for clients; the answer is yes.

ONBOARDING

Ms. Srbui Ovsepyan presented the service coordinator onboarding training at Lanterman. She highlighted that staff has monthly division meetings and brown bag trainings. Videos were created by the Special Projects Coordinator detailing how to complete CDER, POS requests, and time cards. The SCOT training is a 50 hour training conducted over a 4 week period.

Mr. McBroom and Ms. Cabrera stated that they would be interested in attending meetings with service coordinators to share their personal stories; especially regarding self-determination.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled on February 13, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

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