

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 9, 2019

MINUTES

PRESENT

Mark Higgins, Chair
Larry DeBoer
Gloria Leiva
Dina Richman - Conference Call

STAFF

Patrick Aulicino
Melinda Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Higgins called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 7, 2019 were approved by consensus.

SERVICIE PROVIDER RATE ADVOCACY

Ms. Sullivan shared a memo from Karen Ingram with the Committee regarding Service Provider Rate Advocacy. In it she reminds the Committee that a coalition of Southern California Regional Centers and Service Providers is forming to take part in local legislative visits (early grassroots efforts) in support of an 8% increase in reimbursement rates for service providers. It is the hope that it would be included in the release of the January budget for FY 2019-20.

Ms. Sullivan reported that the Center's Service Provider Advisory Committee is sponsoring Legislative Advocacy training on February 6th to promote the 8% rate increase and to show Service Providers how to advocate for themselves. Daniel Savino, ARCA's Director of Government Affairs/Community Relations, is leading the training. Lanterman Representative Assemblyman Chris Holden (sponsor of AB279) or one of his staff will be participating.

Ms. Sullivan suggested a few things that the Board can do to help advocate for our Service Providers:

- Attend the February 6 training to thank SPAC and the Service Providers for their hard work and dedication to providing services to our clients. Encourage the attendees to participate in legislative visits on their own and as part of a Lanterman team.
- Send a letter from the Board to Governor Newsome and our State representatives asking them to support the 8% increase.

- Send a letter to ARCA thanking them for making funds available to conduct legislative advocacy training for clients, families and providers....and encourage them to continue doing so.
- Hold the Legislature accountable for action on the Rate Study recommendations to ensure the report does not sit on a shelf.
- Encourage members of the Board to advocate as individual citizens to support efforts to increase Service Provider rates.

BOARD COMPOSITION LETTER

For Information Only –

Ms. Sullivan shared a copy of the letter sent to DDS in response to the November 19, 2018 letter concerning the composition of Lanterman’s board of directors. The letter confirms that the board is committed to recruiting board members that meet the ethnic and geographic characteristics of our community as well as the legal, management, public relations and finance skills required by the Lanterman Act.

BOARD MEETING FORMAT

The Committee engaged in an open dialogue on the board meeting format and how it compares to other regional center board formats with incorporating board education.

NATIOINAL CORE INDICATORS (NCI)

Ms. Sullivan advised the Committee that it is her intent to educate the Board on what the National Core Indicators (NCI) is and how they are connected to the Regional Center system. NCI is a collaboration of participating states, HSRI, and NASDDDS and is a voluntary effort by public developmental disabilities agencies to measure and track their own performance. The core indicators are standard measures used across states to assess the outcomes of services provided to individuals and families. Indicators address key areas of concern including employment, rights, service planning, community inclusion, choice, and health and safety.

Ms. Sullivan will incorporate this subject as part of board education over the upcoming year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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