

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Programs and Services

July 10, 2013

MINUTES

PRESENT

Ann Seisa, Chair
Diane Cullinane
Julie Gaona
Karla Garcia
Marjorie Heller
Josephine Ko
Howard McBroom
Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso

STAFF

Melinda Sullivan

NOT PRESENT

Mary Bakchachyan
Michiko Wilkins

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Seisa at 10:05 AM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 12, 2013 were reviewed and there were 2 corrections to be made. On page 1 there is a sentence with repeated words. On page 2; the first sentence should end with "...to the request for proposal." Dr. Cullinane made a motion to accept the minutes pending the correction that was aforementioned. Mr. McBroom seconded the motion and it was approved by consensus.

DISPARITY MEETINGS

Ms. Sullivan reported out on the two disparity meetings held in June. One was in English and one in Spanish. Ms. Karla Garcia attended both. Ms. Sullivan stated that there were approximately 20 persons at the Spanish-speaking meeting; mostly parents. In general, it was a positive meeting and there was a lot of discussion regarding families taking personal responsibility regarding keeping informed and the best way to receive information.

The Committee discussed strategies for future communication regarding meetings. The Center should ensure that those who signed up for e-mail blasts are receiving them and are aware of what information they signed up to receive. Other suggestions included possible

use of text notifications, and utilize announcement space at schools and primary vendored sites. The Committee inquired if announcement information is sent out in various languages and if clients have the option of using Google translate. Lastly, the phone tree method was suggested. Ms. Sullivan will research and report back at the September meeting.

REVIEW 2014 DRAFT PERFORMANCE PLAN

The Committee reviewed the proposed 2014 draft Performance Plan. Ms. Sullivan explained that the Performance Plan is on a calendar year and that the expectation from DDS is to “show progress” towards the goals in the performance plan. The Committee reviewed all goals and Ms. Sullivan answered and clarified questions from the committee. The main focus of discussion was regarding: living options for adults, ability to track wages for adults who work, access to health care and questioning whether the Affordable Care Act will have an impact on our families and the need to develop a “Zero Tolerance Policy” regarding client abuse and neglect.

At the June meeting, the committee discussed that the 2014 draft plan will be presented at the annual Community Meetings in September for community input. The input will be brought back to the committee for discussion and a recommendation will be presented to the Board for final approval.

The Committee agreed by consensus that the proposed 2014 draft Performance Plan be presented at the September Community Meeting for input.

OTHER

Dr. Cullinane inquired about the six disparity bills that are currently in progress. Ms. Sullivan reported that these were discussed at the last ARCA meeting and ARCA is advocating on behalf of the regional centers. Dr. Cullinane shared that she has written some letters expressing her opposition to certain bills.

The Committee asked for an update on the automated IPP, as well as other aspects of regional center documentation typically found in the client file. Ms. Sullivan reported that there is slow progress and the Center is exploring other avenues for electronic documentation. She will keep the Committee updated on this progress.

NEXT MEETING

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 A.M.

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