

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Programs & Services Committee

March 14, 2018

MINUTES

PRESENT

Lupe Treviso-Reinoso, Chair

Aaron Kitzman

Yudy Mazariegos

Michiko Wilkins

Howard McBroom

Oscar Carvajal

Karla Garcia

Josephine Ko

STAFF

Enrique Roman

Carmen Jimenez-Wynn

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 14, 2018 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

EMPLOYMENT FIRST PRESENTATION

Ms. Carmen Jimenez-Wynn, employment specialist at Lanterman, presented on competitive and integrated employment. She reported that all regional centers have an employment specialist and she serves as a liaison between the offices of Developmental Services, office of education, and the department of rehab. Ms. Jimenez-Wynn stated that the overall goal is competitive integrated employment. This includes full or part-time work at minimum wage or greater in a setting with others who do not have disabilities with the same opportunity for advancement as any other employee of a business. Ms. Jimenez-Wynn reviewed the collaboration with Verdugo Job Center (VJC) and Glendale Learns, Project Search at Kaiser, the Uniquely Abled Project and paid internship programs. Discussion followed.

Mr. Roman stated that Ms. Jimenez-Wynn will update all of the employment sections in the performance plan.

FDLRC SERVICE APPEALS

The committee received the Fair Hearing Semi-Annual reports with data from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. Mr. Roman highlighted that there was only one case that went to state level fair hearing during that time. However, there were 10 total requests during that time on different issues.

The committee asked if Lanterman was tracking disparity as it relates to fair hearing requests. Mr. Roman confirmed that the center is and there will be more information available regarding this at a future meeting.

Discussion followed.

CASELOAD RATIO SURVEY

Mr. Roman reported that the caseload ratio survey is still being updated. He reported that preliminarily for Medicaid waiver, we are averaging approximately 79:1 (the mandate is 66:1). In Early Intervention, the caseload may be a little over or a little under (these numbers are yet to be calculated). Mr. Roman reminded the committee that last year, the center needed 24 service coordinators to be able to meet the ratios and received 5 positions.

Discussion followed.

OTHER

Mr. Roman stated that yesterday the self-determination application was submitted. We are officially on the clock and DDS has 90 days to approve, deny or request more information. The Self-determination committee focused their outreach efforts on an interest list and has been keeping it for the past year and a half. There are 600 persons on that list and training sessions have been conducted in Korean, Spanish and English. The Department will select 74 persons from Lanterman.

Regarding the respite standard, DDS has not approved it because they want specific language regarding a need for exceptions. They will issue guidance on what they would like specifically and it will be shared with the committee.

Ms. Trevizo-Reinoso reported that Easter Seals had a legislative awards banquet in Sacramento. Mr. Eric Holden received an award for all of his work with all of the coalition.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled on April 11, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM. /gs