Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Programs and Services Committee

September 9, 2015

MINUTES

PRESENT
Oscar Carvajal
Julie Gaona
Josephine Ko
Yudy Mazariegos
Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso
Michiko Wilkins

STAFF
Enrique Roman

NOT PRESENT
Jaqueline Moreno, Chair
Karla Garcia
Marjorie Heller
Howard McBroom
Ann Seisa

CALL TO ORDER

In Ms. Moreno’s absence, the meeting was called to order by Ms. Treviso-Reinoso at 10:10AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 24, 2015 were reviewed. The spelling of Ms. Mazariegos’ name needs to be corrected from “Yuri” to “Yudy.” On page 2 under “other;” specify the type of rally that Ms. Treviso-Reinoso attended. The minutes were approved by consensus pending the minor changes stated.

RALLY IN SACRAMENTO: LEADERSHIP COALITION

Ms. Treviso-Reinoso participated in rally in Sacramento in early September along with approximately 2,500 other clients, families, providers, and legislative leaders. They met in a theater where individuals were given an opportunity to tell their stories. Afterwards, they marched to the Capitol. The overall energy was very positive and loud. Ms. Treviso-Reinoso added that Senator Beall was also present.
Mr. Roman reported that the special session is alive. The committee was given an e-mail with current updates. All members were encouraged to make phone calls to all representatives in the e-mail to vote in favor of Senator Beall’s legislation.

Mr. Roman reported that last week there was a rally in front of Mr. DeLeon’s office. There were about 100 persons in attendance including families, regional center staff, and providers. Everyone expressed their concerns and called for action.

**SELF DETERMINATION PROGRAM UPDATE**

Mr. Roman reminded the committee that the Waiver application for the self-determination program has yet to be approved. The effort is currently at the federal level and they will approve, deny, or ask more questions.

The state of California has been moving forward with implementation. DDS has published an introductory video about self-determination; a short, promotional video to get ready for the program (a link will be sent to committee). The state council of developmental disabilities has had several trainings on being a fiscal management service and facilitator.

Lanterman Regional Center has been allotted 74 clients for the pilot self-determination program (for the first three years of the current program). DDS will be responsible for selecting those individuals. The Center’s mandate is to make sure that clients who are eligible for the program know about it. Mr. Roman reported that since January, all service coordinators have received training about self-determination. The clients who have expressed interest in the program have been added to a list. This list has a balanced number of children and adults from the Foothill area and the Los Angeles area. However, there aren’t many Spanish-speaking families on this list.

The committee was given a draft of the self-determination flyer to review, critique, and improve. A translated version will be made. The committee agreed that the colors need to be changed. The following are more suggestions:

- Inform families at time of intake
- A better method of all clients to know what their UCI number is (for example give all clients a card like car insurances do; with their name and UCI number)
- Have providers post flyers at their offices
- Give flyers to aides
- Include a link on the flyer that will contain more information about self-determination
- Have a toll-free number with self-determination info and include this in the flyer

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled on October 14, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM

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