

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Programs & Services Committee

January 13, 2021

MINUTES

PRESENT

Debbie Cornejo
Oscar Carvajal
Darryl Goodus
Yudy Mazariegos
Howard McBroom
Christopher Perri

STAFF

Adrian Jimenez
Carmine Manicone

NOT PRESENT

Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso, Chair
Gladis Cabrera
Karla Garcia

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held remotely using ZOOM and was called to order by Mr. Howard McBroom at 10:09A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 11, 2020 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

REVIEW DRAFT CALENDAR FOR 2021

The committee reviewed the 2021 proposed committee calendar. Mr. Manicone highlighted that many agenda items are related to the committee charge such as performance plan review. The committee did not have any changes to the calendar as drafted. Mr. Manicone reported that we will work from this draft for our monthly meetings and will add to the agenda as needed and in response to trending issues.

REVIEW 2020 COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Manicone shared and reviewed the 2020 Programs and Services Committee Report.

The committee briefly discussed Self-Determination. Beginning June 7th, all clients will be eligible to participate in Self-Determination except for those living in licensed residential homes.

Mr. McBroom commented that he is amazed that the committee was able to do so much during and despite the pandemic. He asked if KYRC was open for business. Mr. Manicone replied that they are not open to the public but they are open for business. Their support groups are going strong and have more attendees than ever.

This year, one hope is that we can eventually have in person services and that we can have a committee meeting at one of the program sites.

The Committee had a discussion regarding planned activities for 2021: There is a desire to have ongoing reports on COVID-19 and both DDS and the Center's response to the pandemic, while being aware that the information should be clear and concise so that it doesn't take time away from other topics.

Regarding the budget, Mr. Manicone reported that the Center has not decreased the overall POS spending this past year. State of Emergency (SOE) Respite and PA hours have increased and we have added SOE support funding for residential providers.

The Committee agreed that feedback from parents, family members, providers, and clients in this committee would be of a great benefit this year. Mr. Manicone agreed and stated that this is absolutely a priority and if anyone in the committee had any good parent or client referrals to let him know.

COVID UPDATE

Mr. Manicone reported that providers working or living in Pasadena are eligible for the vaccine and information has been distributed to staff and the vendor network. A few committee members shared that they had received the vaccine or were going to get it soon.

Mr. Manicone shared COVID-19 data for Lanterman from April 2020-January 2021 (only the first week of January data). We are responding to all of the cases including; relocating people and looking for additional staff. Service coordinators have to complete a special incident report (SIR), follow up, and report to DDS.

Discussion followed regarding the reliability of reporting. Mr. Manicone reported that staff are continuing to make wellness calls to all clients/families on a monthly basis and vendor representatives on the committee reported that they remind their staff to collect and report data.

Ms. Mazariegos suggested that the KYRC conduct a workshop about all things COVID to educate parents better. She attended a virtual training and noted some important topics as it relates to clients and their choices. She stated that parents trust Lanterman and would like to hear their point of view. Mr. Manicone will speak with Ms. Chacana and Ms. Sullivan about this.

There was a brief discussion on the Governor's proposed budget, which at this point does not propose any significant cuts to the DD system.

There is additional funding for a Promotora position and a proposed Disaster Coordinator. There is also a projection of statewide reduction in caseload growth. Mr. Carvajal commented that regional centers will plan for a rebound in about 2 years. The Committee expressed their desire to keep track of the budget and receive an update at future meetings.

NEXT MEETING

The next committee meeting is scheduled on February 10, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08AM

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