

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Programs & Services Committee

February 10, 2021

MINUTES

**PRESENT**

Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso, Chair  
Debbie Cornejo  
Oscar Carvajal  
Darryl Goodus  
Yudy Mazariegos  
Howard McBroom  
Christopher Perri

**STAFF**

Adrian Jimenez  
Carmine Manicone

**NOT PRESENT**

Gladis Cabrera  
Karla Garcia

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held remotely using ZOOM and was called to order by Ms. Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso at 10:07AM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of January 13, 2021 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

**BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Ms. Kaye Quintero, Associate Director of Administrative Services, reviewed the budget. She highlighted that last year statewide, the system had a \$9.17 billion budget and 95% goes to the regional center system of approximately 336,000 clients. The Center has a contract with the state of California, but many of the services provided are a reimbursement from federal Medicaid funds. The regional center contracts are 87% POS, 11% direct services and 2% administrative costs. The Center's client growth has increased over the past 10 years from approximately 8,000 clients to under 11,000 clients last year. The POS spending has gone from \$110 million to \$209 million over 10 years. The annual POS spending per client over the past 10 years has gone from

under \$14,000 per client to \$19,000. Mr. Manicone reported that there could be a 40-60% increase in budget for self-determination budgets. Lastly, Ms. Quintero reported that funding for future years is more uncertain now given the impact that the pandemic has had on our system.

Ms. Quintero demonstrated to the committee how to visit the Governor's budget ([www.ebudget.ca.gov](http://www.ebudget.ca.gov)) and the state budget on the DDS website ([www.dds.ca.gov](http://www.dds.ca.gov)).

Mr. Perri asked about clarification to the recent rate increases for service providers. He also asked for clarification regarding annual program fees for families. Ms. Quintero stated that the Annual Family Program Fee has been around for the past 15 years and it is not a requirement for all clients. It is only for families who meet a certain criteria. The Fernal/parental fee is related to minor clients who are at an out of home placement. The Family Cost Participation program is for the same group and if they fall under both programs, they don't have to pay both. Currently, all of these programs have been suspended during the state of emergency.

Ms. Mazariegos asked about the staffing formula as it relates to caseload ratios and hiring more service coordinators. Mr. Manicone reported that the Center is limited on the amount of service coordinators that can be hired because the budget is set and based on the (outdated) core staffing formula. Ms. Mazariegos stated that this has been an ongoing issue and asked if all regional centers have the same issue. She would like to see how all centers compare and Mr. Manicone will share this with the committee at the next caseload ratio presentation. Ms. Mazariegos wonders if there will be more disparity after the pandemic; this affects service coordinators and clients. As a committee, perhaps we can find ways to resolve this recurring problem. Mr. Manicone agreed and stated that we need a massive organization state-wide and family and consumer stories have more impact on legislators.

## **FINAL 2020 PERFORMANCE PLAN REVIEW**

Mr. Manicone reviewed the compliance section of the Performance Plan since these are items that Ms. Quintero is responsible for. She reported that the Center was audited by an independent auditor and DDS. Once the Board approves the final drafts, the audit will be submitted and the tax return will be filed. There were no areas of concern or material findings. Regarding the DDS audit; we are waiting for a report from them.

Mr. Manicone highlighted a few items on the performance plan:

GOAL 2: The KYRC's peer support group numbers have increased and a Father's support group will begin soon. Twenty-one parents were matched with a peer support partner and SCAT is being offered in English, Spanish, and Korean.

GOAL 3: We have developed a partnership with HOPE and have 3 apartments that we are leasing.

GOAL 4: There are 3 children in facilities service more than 6 residents. This has been consistent all year and will remain this way because this is best place for those children and its also the family preference.

GOAL 5: The number of adults living in facilities serving more than 6 clients has reduced from 294 to 283 over a year spurred by the pandemic.

GOAL 6: There has been no movement with Clinica Romero, but that relationship will move forward in 2021. At the last virtual dental meeting, there were 49 Spanish speaking parents and 89 English speakers. Mr. Manicone and Ms. Gwen Jordan have reconnected with the Department of Mental Health and they will continue that relationship to have better mental health resources available.

GOAL 8: We just received the raw data from the State regarding tracking respite expenditures for clients age 3 and above. This will be shared with the committee.

GOAL 9: IPPs being translated into other languages has not been great at logging or tracking this year during the pandemic.

GOAL 14: Clients in group supported employment dropped significantly. Mr. Goodus reported that groups have been impacted by contracts being suspended. His organization is trying to serve some clients via the alternative services model.

GOAL 18: Mr. Manicone, Mr. Ibañez, Ms. Jimenez-Wynn, and Ms. Schultz met to discuss paid internships. This program hasn't really been used and the plan is to take advantage in 2021 and make a push to get clients employed. The hope is when business open that it will be a win-win for employers and clients.

GOAL E: The preliminary findings regarding the Medicaid waiver audit were overall well. There was a significant improvement from the 2018 audit. There were some IPPs that were not signed because it has been difficult to get those. However, the Center is moving to a system called Seamless where we can get electronic signatures.

Mr. Adrian Jimenez has transitioned to be the self-determination project coordinator. A new person will take Mr. Jimenez' former position of special projects coordinator and he will help the Center with IPP data.

## **OTHER**

Mr. Manicone reported that the Center will begin to track who is getting vaccinated.

Mr. Goodus stated that his organization is exploring different options for vaccination sites for employees and clients such as day program sites. Mr. Manicone added that the Center is exploring that too.

Ms. Trevizo-Reinoso stated that her organization is advocating for training and support for staff, clients and families on why they should get vaccinated. She shared that only 50% of her employees have chosen to get the vaccine. She suggested that having a campaign about vaccination awareness and education is important.

### **NEXT MEETING**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM

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