

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Programs & Services Committee

April 14, 2021

MINUTES

**PRESENT**

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

**STAFF**

Juan Maldonado  
Carmine Manicone

**NOT PRESENT**

Howard McBroom

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held remotely using ZOOM and was called to order by Ms. Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso at 10:03AM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of March 10, 2021 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

**MEDICAID WAIVER**

Mr. Manicone presented the Home and Community Based Waiver Services Program (Medicaid Waiver) in lieu of Ms. Gwen Jordan. He highlighted that it was created in 1981 in order to expand long term care options for eligible individuals. California received \$3.79 billion in reimbursement to the system in this past fiscal year. In order to be eligible, an individual must have an active case with the Center and a diagnosed developmental disability (which excludes most Early Intervention since their ongoing eligibility has not been determined). Additionally, each participant must have: full scope Medi-Cal, have at least 2 level of care qualifying conditions, at least one qualifying service purchased by the center which is used at least annually, and must reside in the family home, their home, or a licensed community care facility that has no more than a 15 bed capacity.

Mr. Manicone reported that out of close to 11,000 clients at Lanterman, approximately 3,700 are currently on the Medicaid waiver. Cases are recertified annually and Lanterman has two revenue coordinators who are responsible for the day to day responsibilities of the program. These coordinators also provide consultation to SCs and parent education via KYRC.

The committee engaged in a discussion regarding some of the specifics of the Med Waiver program. Mr. Manicone reported that funds are not redistributed directly to individual regional centers, but back to the state's general funds. Mr. Goodus reported that there is a draft bill that is being circulated for the home and community based services (HCBS) Access Act. It is a proposal for the federal government to increase the funding for HCBS to fund the entire program 100%. He will share this information with the committee.

There was also a brief discussion about increasing the number of individuals on the waiver program at Lanterman. Mr. Maldonado stated that one of the challenges of adding more families to the waiver is that they have to disclose their income. Additionally, some families are weary of disclosing immigration status or fear that this may hinder their citizenship application process somehow.

Ms. Trevizo-Reinoso talked about meeting a certain goal in every performance plan and Lanterman always met it or exceeded it. Mr. Manicone agreed and would like these numbers to increase. There was also a suggestion that KYRC have more informative workshops regarding this topic for parents and that it would be helpful if KYRC had flyers with helpful Medicaid Waiver information.

### **INITIAL DISCUSSION OF PERFORMANCE PLAN 2022**

Mr. Manicone reported that the final 2022 Performance Plan is due to the Board in October. Next month, the committee will review Q1 of the 2021 Performance Plan. At the same time, the committee can give input for the 2022 draft Performance Plan and everyone was in agreement with this.

### **DISCUSSION OF DDS DIRECTIVES/ABSENCE PAYMENTS**

Mr. Manicone and Mr. Perri spoke had spoken about a directive that came out at the end of March from DDS about provider attestation for absence payments for non-residential services.

Mr. Perri stated that ultimately nothing happened since there was a lot of kickback from providers and DDS pulled back on implementing the directive.

### **OTHER**

Mr. Manicone introduced Juan Maldonado who previously worked at Lanterman as a service coordinator and then a Medicaid waiver specialist. He worked at Kaiser for the past 3 years and is now rejoining Lanterman as our Special Projects Coordinator. Some of his duties include collecting data about audits that managers conduct on a monthly basis and tracking IPPs and IFSPs.

He is also assisting with updating the Programs and Services Manual, with monitoring COVID vaccination of clients, and assisting on other special projects as needed. The committee welcomed Mr. Maldonado.

The committee talked about what their individual future plans are for re-opening. When they asked Mr. Manicone, he shared that DDS was expected to issue guidance for regional centers and providers possibly as soon as this Friday. He also announced that today Lanterman is holding a second vaccination clinic at the center with the goal of 300 vaccines. A third one will take place at a later time.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next committee meeting is scheduled on May 12, 2021.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43AM

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