Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Programs and Services

June 13, 2012

MINUTES

PRESENT
Ann Seisa, Chair
Anila Guruji
Diane Cullinane
Howard McBroom
Michiko Wilkins

STAFF
Melinda Sullivan
Patrick Aulicino
Rose Chacana

NOT PRESENT
Josephine Ko
Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Ms. Seisa at 10:03 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes of May 9, 2012 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

BUDGET UPDATE
Mr. Aulicino reported that the Governor has released his May revision and there will be a modest increase to the regional center system.

The Department of Developmental Disabilities has released three contract amendments to regional centers; this will assist some centers which may have cash flow issues. He reported that Lanterman does not have a cash flow issue due to a projected surplus, and added that if the center did, there is a line of credit in place in case the budget is not timely.

Mr. Aulicino reported that the 4.25% reduction for providers will sunset on June 30, 2012 and the new proposed reduction will be 1.25% in the new fiscal year. This will amount to savings of approximately $31 million. Discussion followed and Mr. Aulicino clarified all questions that the Committee had.
ABA SERVICES & HEALTH PLANS

Ms. Sullivan reported that on July 1, 2012 health plans will be required to provide behavioral services by law. This applies to families who have health insurance other than Medi-Cal.

Ms. Sullivan reported that the center has surveyed its ABA providers to see which plans they are working with so that the Center is better equipped to make appropriate referrals. Internally, the protocol is being discussed and a lot of research is being conducted. Ms. Sullivan explained that services will not be stopped automatically on July 1st at the Center; rather cases will be assessed and then changes as families transition to health plan services. Ms. Sullivan reported that an informational letter will be mailed out soon for the families (approximately 170) that will be impacted by this change.

Mr. Aulicino added that there is a projection of about $80 million in savings statewide. Discussion followed.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Ms. Rose Chacana reported that last week the Koch-Young Resource Center (KRYC) was invited to attend the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) conference regarding technology. The majority of the presenters talked about technology as it relates to the administrative aspect of providing services. Ms. Chacana and Mr. Martin Sweeney presented an overview of the Assistive Technology program at the regional center, including the growth of the program and its impact on individuals with developmental disabilities. Ms. Chacana provided this same presentation to the Committee.

Dr. Cullinane would like to speak with Ms. Chacana regarding a collaborative with PCDA.

NEXT MEETING

Ms. Sullivan informed the Committee that the Service Provider Advisory Committee (SPAC) will go dark in July; therefore, there will not be a joint meeting. The next meeting is scheduled on July 11, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 A.M.

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