FRANK D. LANTERMAN REGIONAL CENTER

Programs and Services

May 9, 2012

MINUTES

PRESENT
Ann Seisa, Chair
Diane Cullinane
Marjorie Heller
Josephine Ko
Howard McBroom
Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso
Michiko Wilkins

STAFF
Melinda Sullivan

NOT PRESENT
Anila Guruji

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Seisa at 10:09 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction to the March minutes: Ms. Heller was present at the meeting.

The minutes of March 14, 2012 were reviewed and approved by consensus with the above noted correction.

JOINT MEETING WITH SPAC

Ms. Sullivan reported to the Committee that the Service Provider Advisory Committee (SPAC) has requested to have a joint meeting with Programs & Services on July 11th.

The Committee was in favor of having a joint meeting and agreed that the main topic should be regarding the budget.
POS DISPARITIES: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Sullivan reminded the Committee of the LA Times article series regarding disparities in services for minority children served by Regional Centers. Consequently, the Center conducted an internal audit of 94 randomly selected clients between the ages of 3 and 12. The audit focused on services provided as well as recommendations to families that were not followed-up on. Ms. Sullivan presented the audit results to the Committee. Discussion followed.

Ms. Sullivan reported that an e-mail survey was sent to 6 service providers regarding disparity in services. The Committee received the survey results from one particular provider, who had the most comprehensive answers. Their answers resonated with the thoughts of staff and parents who had participated in previous focus group meetings.

Ms. Sullivan reported that as part of reaching out to the community, the Center has visited and met with “The Magnolia Place” initiative. This is a group of community agencies that has come together to serve the children in their area. The disparity notes were shared with them. The next step is to return to the Magnolia Place and give them more information about the Regional Center.

Discussion followed.

Recommendation: The Committee praised the efforts of the Center for conducting the internal audit and putting together a presentation. The Committee recommended outreach strategies could consider using libraries, parks and recreation, local markets, YMCA, churches, and community groups like the Magnolia Place.

TBL IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Ms. Sullivan explained that as part of TBL 2011 implementation, Regional Centers are obligated to use a Financial Management Service (FMS) for families on the Medicaid Waiver and receiving a transportation vouchers. This process would consist of the Center paying FMS instead of the family directly. Currently 150 Lanterman families are impacted and in the process of this transition.

MISC.

Ms. Sullivan reported that AB946 requires Health Plans to provide behavioral services effective July 1, 2012. The Center is in the process of reviewing data to determine who will be affected by the changes so that they can receive an informational and educational letter regarding these changes. The Committee agreed that the Center should only mail letters to those affected by the changes. Discussion followed.
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled on June 13, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38A.M.

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