

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Programs & Services Committee

September 9, 2020

MINUTES

PRESENT

Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso, Chair
Debbie Cornejo
Yudy Mazariegos
Howard McBroom

GUESTS

Christopher Perri
Darryl Goodus

STAFF

Carmine Manicone
Adrian Jimenez

NOT PRESENT

Gladis Cabrera
Oscar Carvajal
Karla Garcia
Josephine Ko
Michiko Wilkins

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held remotely using ZOOM and was called to order by Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso at 10:05 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 12, 2020 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY NON-RESIDENTIAL SERVICES-DDS DIRECTIVE

In order to accommodate a member's schedule the committee agreed to reverse the order of the proposed agenda and discuss the DDS Directive on Alternative Delivery system prior to hearing the report on the Self-Determination program. Mr. Manicone reported that he, Ms. Kaye Quintero, Mr. Pablo Ibañez, and Ms. Melinda Sullivan recently had a conversation about alternative services and although they have attended several meetings; there is still a great deal of confusion about the program.

Mr. Manicone reported on the recent Town Hall meetings conducted by DDS and that there is clarity that if services are able to continue as they did before COVID or if services are able to continue as they did but via remote delivery or at a different location, then they are still considered traditional services. There was a discussion on what qualified as an alternative delivery model and that service providers had the month of September to engage families and individuals to discuss the best way to meet the needs of the individual clients. There was a suggestion from Mr. Manicone that providers could conduct group sessions with families and individuals to present what their service options were and then hold private follow-up meetings.

All committee members shared their experience and concerns. They agreed that every client needs to be looked at individually to determine whether they receive traditional or alternative services.

Mr. Manicone reported that Mr. Ibañez, Director of Community Services, is planning on putting out a bulleting in a few weeks with more information.

SELF-DETERMINATION: FDLRC UPDATE

Mr. Manicone reported that the self-determination program didn't have a lot of progress in March (at the beginning of the pandemic and quarantine). However, Mr. Adrian Jimenez has organized a training and is finalizing a follow up meeting.

Mr. Jimenez reported that Mr. Howard McBroom was the first Lanterman clients to transition to self-determination. He informed all that there are 62 active clients and 13 have withdrawn after attending a mandatory orientation. There are 18 clients that are waiting until COVID is done to move forward. Fourteen clients have received a preliminary budget, and 11 clients have fully transitioned to self-determination.

Ms. Trevizo-Reinoso asked if the clients who withdrew had been replaced. Mr. Jimenez responded that they have not and on June 7, 2021 self-determination will be open to the entire state.

Ms. Trevizo-Reinoso asked about the impact on service coordinator's workload for those clients who have fully transitioned. Mr. Jimenez explained that the workload is heavy during the transitional period. However, afterwards service coordinators are mainly just conducting wellness checks.

Ms. Trevizo-Reinoso would like to see a timeline later regarding this entire process.

Mr. Goodus commented regarding demographics and Mr. Manicone added that there is a concern that this program would help address disparities but it has not. Discussion followed.

OTHER

Mr. Manicone asked the committee and Mr. Darryl Goodus if he would like to be a voting member of the Programs & Services committee and all were in agreement.

NEXT MEETING

The next committee meeting is scheduled on October 14, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29AM.

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