

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Villa Esperanza
February 3, 2016
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kelly White
Israel Ibanez
Miriam Whitfield
Keri Castaneda
Traci Jones-Martinez
Kimberly West-Isaac
Dee Prescott
Nicole Hajjar

EXCUSED

Bill Murphy
Sandy Contreras

GUESTS

Bryan Chacon – Maxim Healthcare Services
Beatrice Diaz – In2Vision
Morgan Behny – Total Education Solutions
Gloria Leyva – Jeffrey Foundation
Veronica Solano – Jeffrey Foundation
Miriam Corona – Premier Healthcare
Aaron Kitzman – Villa Esperanza
Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center
Christina Umcaco – 24HR Home care
Janet Upjohn – Cheerful Helpers

STAFF

Karen Ingram
Eduardo Del Rio

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 6, 2016 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. White reported the following:

- The Board is encouraging the public to participate/attend the Board meetings.
- A member of the Peer Council is helping the Spanish community to learn more about the regional center services.
- Howard McBroom, a former member of the Board, shared his experience when speaking at an autism conference in Germany.

- The Board accepted the LRC independent audit for FY 2014/15.
- Mr. Patrick Aulicino, Associate Director of Administrative Services, reported that LRC's lease will expire in June of 2018. The committee is looking into alternatives.
- LRC 50th Anniversary was celebrated at the Vista Theater on January 15.
- DDS' HCBS Waiver application has 180 points that must be addressed before CMS reviews the plan.
- It is anticipated that the implementation of Self-Determination will not occur this year.
- The MCO Tax Reform is being discussed at a Legislative special session. CA must correct a problem or face losing \$1 billion of federal funds. This tax reform addresses that and may be a source of funding for the DD system. The Lanterman Coalition is working with legislators to find an agreeable solution.
- The closure of Sonoma, Fairview and some of the general programs at Porterville Developmental Centers is expected by 2021.
- DDS shared the result of the recent audit as part of the Agnews DC closure. CMS has determined that \$42.5 million dollars needs to be repaid to CMS, which the State plans to take from Purchase of Service funds.
- Several meetings have been scheduled to discuss Disparity issues. The March 4th meeting will be in Korean, March 8th will be in Spanish and March 23rd will be in English. All meetings will be held at LRC. Additional information will be posted on the Lanterman website.
- DDS approved Lanterman's 2016 Performance Contract.
- Anita Castillo, LRC Nurse Consultant, gave a presentation on prevention care. She offered to visit residential homes to teach staff how to do preventive care for clients.
- Leticia Reyes, LRC Dental Hygienist, gave a presentation on dental care. She also offered to visit residential homes to train staff.
- The City of Pasadena voted to raise their minimum wage. The increases are as follows: effective July 1, 2016 will go to \$10.50, July 1, 2017 will go to \$12.00 and July 1, 2018 will go to \$13.25. After reviewing the impact of those minimum wage increases the following increases could occur: July 1, 2019 will go to \$14.25 and by 2020 will go up to \$15.00.

CMS Final Rule Update

Ms. Ingram reminded providers that the date for the CMS Final Rule implementation is March 17, 2019, at which time federal funds can only be used for integrated services. The Governor has \$15 million in his 2016-2017 budget to help providers into compliance with the CMS Final Rule.

Ms. Ingram reported that meetings with Day Programs and Workshop providers have taken place already. The meeting with After School Programs and Social Skills providers is scheduled for February 12, 2016. Providers were strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Meetings with residential providers will be scheduled in March.

Since some service providers work with different regional centers, a concern was raised about all regional centers having different rules and regulations of the CMS Final Rule. Ms. Prescott asked if it's possible that all regional centers can come up with a uniform interpretation of the CMS Final Rule so service providers will have the same understanding and it will be easy for them to comply.

The Regional Center Executive Directors, Directors of Community Services and the Service Provider Advisory Committee Chairs are meeting next week to discuss the CMS Final Rule. Issues to be discussed at this meeting should be e-mailed to Ms. Ingram or Ms. White by February 9.

There will be tab on the Provider page on the LRC website labeled CMS Rule. This page will be updated as new information is gathered.

OLD BUSINESS

SP Breakfast

The next breakfast will be on November 2, 2016, at the La Canada/Flintridge Country Club. Subcommittee members are still searching for a keynote speaker. Subcommittee will meet before the next SPAC meeting.

Ms. White informed that she won't be the MC this year because her term as a SPAC member will end in October.

CCL/DDS Forum

Ms. Isaac informed that it was decided to put the forum on hold for now pending the outcome of the CMS Final Rule meetings. She'll bring more information to the April SPAC meeting.

2016 SPAC Meeting Locations

- March 2 – FVO Solutions – Pasadena
- April 6 – The Campbell Center – Glendale
- May 4 – AbilityFirst (Kinneloa) – Pasadena
- June 1 – Villa Esperanza, hosted by West Residential – Pasadena
- July 6 – NO MEETING
- August 3 – AbilityFirst (Green Street) – Pasadena
- September 7 – FDLRC – Los Angeles
- October 5 – Easter Seals – Glendale
- November 2 – SP Breakfast – La Canada
- December 7 – Smile Pediatric – Los Angeles

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Providers were reminded to submit their rate adjustment requests for the minimum wage increase to their vendoring regional center by March 31, 2016.
- Ms. Ingram recommended a book called "The Reason I Jump"
- Tom Pomeranz trainings will start Monday, Feb 8. On line registration is available.
- Mr. Ibanez informed that nothing has been finalized yet with the IHSS exception to the overtime rule.
- Assemblyman Tom Lackey wrote the article "Developmental Services being held hostage" This article is about the 10% rate increase that was denied to service providers. Providers were encouraged to read it.
- Mr. Ibanez is running in the L.A. Marathon for In2Vision supported employment. Donations for this cause will be welcomed.
- Ms. Isaac advised providers with children's homes to check the CCL website as there are many Legislative changes that were effective January 1, 2016.

