

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center  
Service Provider Advisory Committee  
Hosted by Ability First  
January 7, 2015  
Minutes**

**SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kelly White  
Sandy Contreras  
Bill Murphy  
Kimberly West-Isaac  
Israel Ibanez  
Kathleen Kolenda  
Keri Castaneda  
Miriam Whitfield

**NOT PRESENT**

Traci Jones Martinez

**GUESTS**

Mary-Jo Bautista, Psy.D – Family Way Adult Family Home Agency  
Paula O’Sullivan – Glen Park  
Alisa N. Fisher – Behavior Guidance Group  
Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center  
Mandy Speakman – Easter Seals  
Elana Schechtman – Jewish Family Services  
Stephanie Alvarez – 24HR Homecare  
Gloria Leiva – Jeffrey Foundation  
Veronica Solano – Jeffrey Foundation  
Nicole Hajjar – Smile Pediatric  
Luana Acuna – In2vision

**STAFF**

Karen Ingram

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of Dec 3, 2014 were approved as submitted.

**REPORTS**

**Board Meeting**

Ms. White reported the Board did not meet in December.

## **LDC Closure**

LDC is officially devoid of residents. The last LRC client moved out on December 11 and the last person moved out on December 24, 2014. LDC is now in a warm down phase, with some medical and other services available during the transition.

## **Vendor Files**

LRC is going electronic with vendor files. Files are packed and ready for pick-up from the scanning company. Community Services will be unable to process requests concerning provider vendor files at this time, except in an emergency. The completion of this phase of the project (active vendor files) will take approximately 4-6 weeks. Vendor files in storage will be processed in the next phase.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SPAC Breakfast**

- The Breakfast will be at La Canada Country Club on November 4, 2015.
- The speaker will be Brent Anderson, a TCRC client who will discuss what it's like to live with autism and the funny way things get interpreted.
- The SPAC breakfast committee is Sandy C., Kathleen K., Traci M., & Miriam W.

### **2015 SPAC Meeting Locations**

- February 4 – The Campbell Center/Alma House
- March 4 – Villa Esperanza/Braun Center
- April 8 \*\* – Joint Meeting with P&S Committee @ LRC
- May 6 – Social Vocational Services, Inc (parking \$20.00)
- June 3 – Smile Pediatric (parking \$6.00)
- July – Dark
- August 5 – FVO Solutions, Inc.
- September 2 – LRC – community meeting
- October 7 – Easter Seals/Glendale Senior Center
- November 4 – SPAC Breakfast
- December 2 – AbilityFirst/Kinneloa

\*\* Note this change in date. This is NOT the regular SPAC meeting date.

### **Legislative Advocacy Training**

Ms. White reported:

- There is a change.org petition on the 10% provider rate increase. She requested that SPAC members and guests go to the site and sign the petition, and do an e-blast to their families.
- ARCA Grassroots day is scheduled for April 15, 2015.
- There is a conference on March 8-10, 2015 in Sacramento with ARC and USP on policy making and scheduled visits with all legislators. Information on conference is on the ARC webpage.
- The SPAC advocacy training work group has met and is preparing materials to educate providers on how to tell the Legislature about the value their business has on the community. Materials include: roster of LRC area Assembly and Senate

members, tips for speaking with your legislator, and a worksheet that summarizes your business (number of employees, payroll, etc.) and compares 2009 and 2014 costs and the impact on budget cuts and freezes.

- Sites and dates for trainings are as follows:  
Feb 12 – AbilityFirst/Kinneloa, Pasadena (9-11am) and The Campbell Center/Alma House, Glendale (1-3pm)  
Feb 19 – Villa Esperanza Services/Braun Center, Pasadena (9-11am) and The Jackie Robinson Center, Pasadena (1-3pm)  
Feb 26 – FVO Solutions, Pasadena (9-11am), FDLRC/KYRC, LA (1-3pm)
- SPAC members are asked to check their calendars and confirm which session(s) they can assist with, and to notify Ms. Ingram or Ms. White by 1/22/15.

### **2015 Goals Update**

- The committee reviewed and confirmed the 2015 goals.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ARCA survey of program closures**

- ARCA asked regional centers for the number of residential and day services closures for the past three fiscal years, the number of beds lost and other impacts the budget reductions have had on services. The results of the survey will be the basis for the ARCA Grassroots campaign to promote the 10% rate increase and removal of Uniform Holiday closures.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

- The Dept. of Labor's Fair Standard Labor Act regarding overtime for in-home support services, in-home respite services, personal assistance services and supportive living services was to go into effect January 1, 2015. On 12/31/14 the Judge stayed implementation of the ruling, which allows workers to continue working more than 40 hours per week without being paid overtime. A 5.28% rate increase for in-home respite, personal assistance and supported living services was to be implemented on 1/1/15. On 1/6/15 the Department of Developmental Services notified regional centers that the 5.28% rate increase has been stayed pending the outcome of the legal battles, therefore the rates will not be increased at this time.
- DDS made their December 31 2014 deadline to submit the self-determination application to CMS. CMS has 90 days to approve, deny or ask for further information.
- Providers will be receiving a request to fill out the DS1891 form (disclosure statement) in 2015, as it needs to be done at least every two years. Providers who do not comply will be put on a do not refer.
- Each regional center will have an advisory board for self-directed services, with four members appointed by the Area Board and four by the regional center. Area Board 10 has interviewed applicants and selected four members for the LRC committee. LRC is in the process of identifying four individuals.

- LRC has boxes of new file folders and hanging file folders to donate to anyone who can use them. Interested agencies are asked to contact Irma Padilla to place an order and arrange to pick up.
- Lanterman Leadership Institute training will be February 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, 9am – 4pm. Brochures and applications were circulated. Applications need to be submitted to Maureen Wilson at LRC by 1/9/15.
- Tom Pomeranz will be doing an all-day training for service providers on February 20, 2015. Training will be on ‘Overcoming Life’s Obstacles’ and helping staff ensure that their home or day program is part of the community and not just another institution. On February 21, 2015 he will do a half-day training on Life after High School. Families and clients should be encouraged to attend this training.
- Mr. Murphy shared that FVO Solutions work activity program had to downsize. They did not close.
- The SPAC breakfast committee will meet in February after the SPAC meeting at The Campbell Center/Alma House.
- Ms. Contreras is working with Glendale Adventist Medical Center and the City of Glendale for some special activities during the summer International Special Olympics. She will be sending out information on upcoming events.
- The Campbell Center will be hosting a workshop on the ABLE Act for families on January 27, 2015. Anyone interested will need to RSVP by 1/23/15.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

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*Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting*  
**ATTENDANCE**

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K. WHITE, Chair	SP	X	X										
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	E	E										
S. CONTRERAS	R	X	X										
B. MURPHY	E	E	X										
K. WEST-ISAAC	A	X	X										
I. IBANEZ	K	X	X										
K. KOLENDA	F	E	X										
K. CASTANEDA*	A	X	X										
M. WHITFIELD*	S	E	X										
VACANT	T												

New member\*