

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
July 1, 2020
Minutes**

This committee Zoom meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM and roll call was taken.

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kimberly West-Isaac
Traci Jones-Martinez
Keri Castaneda
Jim Storck
Yvonne Nakamoto
Kyra Griffith
Dee Prescott
Kelly White
Greg Sanchez
Nicole Hajjar

Guests:

Harry Bruell/Pathpoint	Marina Margaryan/Westview	Bijan Boizai/In2Vision
Lisa Peterson/Shield Healthcare	Laura Campana/Way Finder Fam.	Cynthia Barron/ECF
Aide Herrera/ECF	Patricia Flores/Life Steps	Veronica Solano/Jeffrey Found
Maura Henriquez/	Brian Nguyen/easterseals	Andrea Devers/PCS Svs.
Christopher Perri/PCDA	Natalia Pokras	Yancy Chavez/
Monica Pallan/	Cynthia Raimondi/ABLE	Nancy Niebrugge/TCC
Cynthia Barron/ECF	Vinicio Mancilla/Calif Psychcare	Krishna Tabor/Butterfli
Michaelann Gabriel/CDK	Rachel Saucedo/	Anjali Carrasco/CDK
Christian De Paz/ACT	Bernadette Manalo/NBC Home	Tony Clark/Laurel St Center
Lucine Balian/Harmony Speech	Taline Ashekian/Harmony Speech	Dana Andrews/ACT
Chaghig Koulajian/ACT	Marina Simonyan/	Suad Besigo/IRIOC

Staff

Karen Ingram
Pablo Ibañez
Sonia Garibay

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from June 3, 2020 were accepted as submitted.

Ms. Ingram introduced Mr. Pablo Ibañez as the new Community Services Director as she will be retiring at the end of July.

REPORTS

Board

Ms. Isaac reported the following:

- Community Services and Training & Development presented their Annual Reports.
- The 2020/21 Budget was reviewed.
- Updates on Covid-19 were shared.
- DDS position on re-opening was discussed.

HCBS Self-Assessment Status

Ms. Garibay reported the following:

- The deadline to submit the HCBS self-assessments has been extended to August 31st; she encouraged providers to complete the self-assessment prior to that date as LRC has to post the results before the deadline. August 15th was identified as the target date for submission.
- As of June 30th 65% of providers have completed their self-assessments, 30% have not started the process yet. She will be contacting them to follow up.
- Providers who do not complete the self-assessment by August 31st will receive a site visit from DDS; visits will start September 2020 thru June 2021. DDS will also be conducting random site visits to providers that completed the survey.
- The Campbell Center received HCBS compliance funding.

Provider Training Committee

Ms. Prescott shared that the Sub-Committee was not able to meet before this meeting but they will meet sometime in September via Zoom.

Staff Training/Vendor Fair Committee

Mr. Sanchez reported that the Sub-Committee met last week and agreed that at this time there will be no formal onsite training or vendor fair. They agreed to work on info-graphics with high level information to share with providers through platforms such as YouTube videos, as an alternative to a vendor fair. How service providers are delivering services remotely may be topic area.

Mr. Ibañez will work with service coordination to learn what topics are of interest in terms of a staff training/vendor fair; he will share this information with the Sub-Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Advocacy

Ms. White's advocacy efforts continue and all agreed that advocacy needs to continue to keep agencies afloat.

DDS Updates

Review of New Covid-19 Directives & Guidance

Mr. Ibañez reported the following:

- The State of Emergency Directives have virtually all been extended. Absence billing has been extended through July 31st
- Providers are being asked to develop a re-opening plan before they decide to start providing in-person services. LRC will not approve these plans but they will be reviewed and scanned into the provider's file.

- DDS has not released a re-entry plan for services to regional centers yet, but is expected to do so soon.
- The new extension for Early Start Services directive was shared. Effective June 15th, Early Start clients who are receiving RC services and are turning 3 years of age can continue receiving services through regional centers; clients that are ineligible for over 3 Lanterman services will be able to continue receiving services through the regional center until their school can provide them. A letter was e-mailed to early start service providers explaining this directive.
- A new DDS directive waives fingerprint requirements for criminal background checks for self-determination programs and FHAs.
- CCL has issued updated guidance regarding visitation to homes.
- As part of provider's re-entry plan families cannot be asked to waive their liability rights. Mr. Ibañez will be reviewing all plans.

LRC Updates

Review Implementation of Directives

Mr. Ibanez shared the following:

- PPE Survey – all providers are encouraged to complete the PPE survey so they can receive needed surgical masks and hand sanitizer. This information will be used to develop a distribution plan; KYRC will help distribute the PPE supplies for clients and families. Other COVID-19 related personal protection equipment continues to be available upon request.
- LRC has introduced a re-entry plan for employees. While most of the staff continues to be able to work remotely, a schedule has been developed for employees that feel comfortable returning to the office. All safety measures will be implemented before the return of employees.
- Budget
 - Cuts that were included on the May Revise will not take place.
 - Short term rate increases are being extended.
 - Uniform Holidays are not taking place now but there is a possibility that they may resurface in the future.
- A Trailer Bill update was shared and a summary is available at the ARCA website.
 - Capacity at Porterville's secure treatment center has been expanded.
 - The Governor approved an 8.2% rate increase for Infant Development Programs (805), ILS (520) and Early Start providers (116). This rate will be in effect from 1/1/21 thru 12/31/21.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Mr. Barry Londer, LRC Controller, is retiring at the end of July. Mr. John Hunt will be the new Controller.
- Ms. Ingram received a heartfelt message from the committee and was recognized for touching many lives during her long trajectory at the regional center. They expressed their gratitude for all the years that she's been by their side lending her support when and where it was needed. All agreed that she'll be deeply missed!!

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM

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ATTENDANCE

2019-2020	N O V 19	D E C 19	J A N 20	F E B 20	M A R 20	A P R 20	M A Y 20	J U N 20	J U L 20	A U G 20	S E P 20	O C T 20	T O T A L
K. WEST-ISAAC - Chair	SP	X	N	X	X	X	X	X	X				
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X				
K. CASTANEDA	R	X	M	X	X	X	X	X	X				
N. HAJJAR	E	X	E	E	E	X	X	E	X				
D. PRESCOTT	A	E	E	X	X	X	X	X	X				
J. STORCK	K	X	T	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Y. NAKAMOTO	F	X	I	X	X	X	X	X	X				
G. SANCHEZ	A	X	N	X	X	E	X	X	X				
K. GRIFFITH	S	X	G	X	X	X	X	X	X				
K. WHITE	T	X		X	E	X	X	X	X				