

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
June 2, 2021
Minutes**

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

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kimberly West-Isaac
Kyra Griffith
Dee Prescott
Kelly White
Greg Sanchez
Nicole Hajjar
Keri Castaneda

Guests:

Kimberly Yrigoyen/SVS	Nancy Niebrugge/Campbell Center	Kimberly Bermudez/Hour Home Care
Christian Depaz/ACT	Jacklin Pfaff/Education Solutions	Beatrice Diaz/In2Vision Programs
Armine Kim/Avanti	Joann Ahn/ECF Art Ctr Downtown	Israel Ibañez/InClusion Services
Ashly Dominguez/In2vision	Brian Nguyen/Easter Seals	Bijian Beizai/In2vision Programs
Janet Amador/In2vision	Azniv Tonoyan/In2vision	Anna Polin/Build
D.L Cook/Quantum Housing	Veronica A/ SVS	Traci Martinez/Adventist Health
Nanette Cruz/ ECF	Marina Margaryan/ Westview Serv.	Jonathan Chagolla/Inclusion Serv.
Rosalind Ford/ SVS	Rachel Saucedo/ Easter Seals	Kevin Shields/Build Rehab Ind.
Darryl Goodus Villa Esp	Nita Davis/Institute for the Redesign	Andrea Devers/PC's
		Cassandra Luques/ SVS

Staff

Pablo Ibañez
Sonia Garibay

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from May 5, 2021 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board

Ms. Isaac reported the following:

- Administrative services presented on COVID measures at the center. There was discussion regarding the status of helping staff to work remotely. There is no set date for employees to return to the office. DDS issued a directive regarding resuming in-person services monitoring visits.
- LRC's transition to electronic records was reviewed.

- Budget/May revise discussed. The proposed budget is due to the governor on June 15, 2021.
- Consensus for funding on Self-Determination.
- LRC Budget for the upcoming year was reviewed.

HCBS Update

Ms. Garibay reported on the compliance funding that was granted by DDS for the programs that applied. Four out of the six programs were granted the funding. The programs were non-residential. As requested by service providers temporary staff positions, training and vehicles were funded. Providers were asked to revise their budgets and transition milestones to submit by May 31, 2021.

The programs that were selected for the HCBS virtual site assessments are still currently being scheduled by PCG. Ms. Garibay will be attending her first meeting tomorrow (06/03/21). The providers that were selected will be receiving an email with a time and information on how the virtual site assessment will be conducted. Each program is being allowed to select a program participant to participate in the interview process. OIG, DDS and a regional Center representative will be present.

Self Determination Update

Mr. Ibañez reported June 8, 2021 will mark the official statewide roll-out for any client that is interested in becoming part of the Self-Determination Program.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Advocacy

Ms. White suggested advocating for having our local legislator's approve what DDS has submitted in terms of the rates. June 15, 2021 is the deadline for the proposed budget.

- Eliminating the Uniform Holidays.
- DDS is reviewing to increase funding for service coordination.
- Senate has proposed funding a support position for the deaf community.
- Senate has proposed funding Community Navigators.

DDS Updates

Mr. Ibañez shared the following:

- There are funds for continued Covid relief.
- There's a proposal to eliminate the eleven Uniform Holiday days.
- Proposal to fund START teams which are specific crisis response teams. There are a few in the state already and they are looking to expand the program.
- Bilingual differential – increase pay for bilingual DSPs.
- Expanding of Paid Internship Program/Competitive Integrated Employment will make it available to more individuals.
- Self Determination Program – there may be funds to be awarded to assist with the transitioning into the Self Determination Program. There is a proposal for a Participant Choice Specialist.
- Proposal for funding targeted engagement of the Native American population.

- Implicit bias training for regional center intake staff.
- Proposal for enhanced service coordination to create specialized caseloads for clients who have little or no purchase of service expenditures.

LRC Updates

Mr. Ibañez updated on resuming in-person services. LRC remains the same with a skeleton crew. There are staff that come in on a regular basis and some staff that come into the office once or twice a week.

DDS issued a Directive to resume in-person quarterly meetings for individuals who are in out of home care situations. Regional Centers were given a deadline to propose a plan and implement. PPE kits have been assembled for services coordinators. For Quality Assurance visits there's no definitive plan yet. For providers resuming in-person services, regional center is not taking any authoritative stance to resume in-person services. Community Care Licensing is asking that providers submit their mitigation plans.

SP Breakfast

Tabled for next meeting – subcommittee to meet.

Vendor Fair

Mr. Sanchez reported that the subcommittee met on May 20, 2021. There is no definitive date yet. Dates that are being consider are September 9, 2021 or October 7, 2021. The fair will be virtual from 9:30am – 11:00am. There will be a panel presentation based on predetermined questions. Subcommittee will be reaching out to people who would like to be part of the panel. Subcommittee will not be doing any giveaways other than electronic information pamphlets that can be provided to the service coordinators. Next meeting will be June 17, 2021 where the final process to become a panel speaker will be discussed as well as what information services should include in the pamphlets.

Provider Training

Ms. Prescott shared she is still promoting the Disability Thrive initiative trainings. Training on Change Management Strategies for Disability Services to Thrive, June 9, 2021 @ 3pm followed by a lunch and learn on Friday, June 10, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

DDS Directive-In Person Monitoring

Ms. Ibañez shared LRC will be returning to provider in-service trainings.

Ms. Garibay shared a survey will be going out to providers to complete. LRC will be resuming to provider in-services trainings. These trainings would take place every first Tuesday of the month. LRC will begin with virtual trainings, maybe eventually moving to in person trainings. The plan for now will be to start with quarterly trainings and move on to monthly trainings.

- Information on Joint Technology RFP's is posted on LRC's website. All seven L.A. based regional centers are part of the RFP's. Deadline to submit Proposal is June 15,

2021. WRC is at the helm of this joint process. The goal is to create a technology lending library for clients who do not have access to remote technology equipment or wifi.

SPAC VACANCIES

Mr. Ibañez shared that a handful of applications were received. The process will be opened up until the end of June for anyone who is interested to submit their application.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

Next Meeting: July 7, 2021

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31AM.

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

2020-2021	N O V 20	D E C 20	J A N 21	F E B 21	M A R 21	A P R 21	M A Y 21	J U N 21	J U L 21	A U G 21	S E P 21	O C T 21	T O T A L
K. WEST-ISAAC - Chair	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X					
K. CASTANEDA	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X					
N. HAJJAR	X	X	E	X	E	X	X	X					
D. PRESCOTT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
G. SANCHEZ	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
K. GRIFFITH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
K. WHITE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
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