

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center  
Service Provider Advisory Committee  
January 5, 2022  
Minutes**

This SPAC Committee Zoom meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM and roll call was taken.

**SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**Excused:**

Michaelann Gabriele

**Guests:**

Priscilla Garcia/SVS	Beatriz Diaz/In2Vision	Dulce Vallejo/SVS
Bernadette Manalo/NBC HM	Israel Ibanez/Inclusion Svs	Lateisha Getter/Inclusion Svs
D L Cook/Quantum Housing	Elsa Vasquez/ECF	Marina Margaryan/Westview
Kevin Shields/Build Ability	Triandie Wold/Littlest Playmates	Bryan Chacon/Maxim
Veronica Aleman/SVS	Cesar Torres/Inclusion Svs	Cynthia Cordon/In2Vision
Anna Polin/	Cassandra Luques/SVS	Chris Perri/PCDA
Rosalind Ford/SVS	Kimberly Yrigoyen/SVS	Armine Kim/Avanti
Maura Enriquez/Easterseals	Rachel Saucedo/Easterseals	

**Staff**

Pablo Ibañez  
Sonia Garibay

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes from the December 1, 2021 meeting were accepted as submitted.

**REPORTS**

**Board**

No report, Ms. Isaac informed that the Board did not meet in December.

## **HCBS Update**

Ms. Garibay reported that LRS is still waiting for the virtual site assessments report. She also mentioned that providers that were initially in full compliance for the self-assessment but not in compliance with the virtual site assessment are considered out of compliance, therefore, the compliance numbers have changed. Once the reports are received, the provider will have the opportunity to come up with a plan to come into compliance by March 2023.

## **Self Determination Update**

Mr. Ibañez had no updates to report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Legislative Advocacy**

Ms. White shared that Assemblyman Chris Holden became a member of the Appropriations Committee. Mr. Holden is a great advocate for people with developmental disabilities.

### **DDS Updates**

Ms. Ibañez shared the following updates:

**Rate Reform** - the rate reform worksheets, including instructions on how to complete them, have been sent to most providers by LRC Community Services Team as DDS needs extra data points to recalculate rates. DDS is looking for data from the traditional pre-pandemic program only. An e-bulletin on this will be send out shortly.

Providers that have not received a worksheet but should have, must contact Mr. Ibañez at [pibanez@lanterman.org](mailto:pibanez@lanterman.org)

Mr. Ibañez acknowledged that the deadline of January 7 to return the worksheets was quite short, so he advised providers to do the best they can but if they are not able to meet the deadline, there will be no issue but they need to contact him to discuss.

Ms. White asked if rates will be shared with all the regional centers that a provider is vendored with and/or do business with. Ms. Ibanez confirmed that this would be the goal but advised providers to be proactive and share their rates with the regional centers that they do business with to make sure that their rates are always accurate.

Currently, the vendoring regional center sets the rate and user regional centers accept the rates of the vendoring regional center but DDS is considering changing this rule in the future so that user centers have their own local rates.

**COVID Variant Surge** – LRC has seen an increase in positive provider staff COVID reports. Mr. Ibañez shared that LRC is in position to help offset COVID related costs for providers such as the need to pay staff more to serve COVID positive individuals or to pay overtime due to COVID. U&C providers are exempt and can implement their COVID rates. COVID rates for non U&C providers need to be approved by DDS.

Mr. Ibañez reminded providers that if a staff tests positive it needs to be reported to the regional center on the day of the positive report.

**Minimum Wage** – Instructions on how to request assistance will be sent to all providers that are not able to pay their employees the minimum wage.

### **LRC Updates**

Mr. Ibañez informed that LRC will be hosting a webinar on January 27, 2022 at 2:00 pm for providers that would like to provide social recreational services. Registration link has been shared on the chat.

LRC staff is still working with staggered schedules to keep everybody safe. KYRC is open by appointments only but the building is still closed to the public.

LRC still has PPE supplies available to providers. To request PPE supplies contact Ms. Garibay at [sgaribay@lanterman.org](mailto:sgaribay@lanterman.org)

### **DDS Electronic Visit Verification**

Mr. Ibañez informed that it is not clear if LRC will be following up with providers that are not in compliance with the EVV requirement. DDS is directly engaging providers to get this requirement up and running. Mr. Ibanez encouraged providers to take advantage of the information DDS has available on EVV.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Service Provider Breakfast**

Ms. Isaac asked the group, including non SPAC members, for participation in planning this event. Since COVID is still existent, it is uncertain if this will be planned for an in-person event or a virtual event. Volunteers for the subcommittee are: Nicole Hajjar, Dee Prescott, Nancy Niebrugge, Joann Lockett, Beatriz Diaz, Estherlancia Mercado and Anna Polin.

Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

### **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

- There's a concern among providers about the recent COVID variant surge and it was suggested that providers be able to have both, traditional and alternative POSs active so it will give providers the flexibility to switch if the surge gets worse so services to clients won't be interrupted. Mr. Ibanez clarified that LRC continues to recommend that service coordination have both POSs available at the same time, depending on how the services were authorized.
- Ms. Hajjar – Agencies that provide free testing at a provider site are available. A link with information was shared on the chat.

### **ADJOURNEMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

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

<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>N O V 21</b>	<b>D E C 21</b>	<b>J A N 22</b>	<b>F E B 22</b>	<b>M A R 22</b>	<b>A P R 22</b>	<b>M A Y 22</b>	<b>J U N 22</b>	<b>J U L 22</b>	<b>A U G 22</b>	<b>S E P 22</b>	<b>O C T 22</b>	<b>T O T A L</b>
<b>K. WEST-ISAAC - Chair</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>										
<b>K. CASTANEDA</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>										
<b>N. HAJJAR</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>										
<b>D. PRESCOTT</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>										
<b>G. SANCHEZ</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>										
<b>K. GRIFFITH</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>										
<b>K. WHITE</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>										
<b>N. NIEBRUGGE*</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>										
<b>M. GABRIELE*</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>										
<b>A. DAY*</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>X</b>										

New Membership 2021