

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
June 8, 2022
Minutes**

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

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kimberly West-Isaac
Dee Prescott
Keri Castaneda
Kyra Griffith
Nancy Niebrugge
Nicole Hajjar
Michaelann Gabriele
Keri Castaneda

Excused

Kelly White
Andrew Day
Greg Sanchez

Guests:

Kimberly Yrigoyen/SVS	Nicole Mackey/AbilityFirst	Kevin Shields/BuildAbility
Cindi Raimondi/ABLE	Anna Polin/BuildAbility	Janet Amador/In2Vision
Brian Nguyen/Easterseals	Christian De Paz/ACT	Bijan Beizai/In2Vision
Nanette Cruz/ECF	Adela Garcia/TCC	Regina Bahena/In2Vision
D.L. Cook/Quantum Housing	Jen Pippard/	Bernadette Manalo/NBC Home
Beatriz Diaz/In2Vision	Adriane Mota/	

Staff

Pablo Ibañez
Sonia Garibay
Adrian Jimenez

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the May 4, 2022, meeting were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board

Ms. Isaac reported the following:

- Mr. Ibañez gave a presentation on Community Services' Vendorization and Quality Assurance activities.
- The budget was discussed.

- Mr. Ibañez also presented on START Crisis/Mental Health Services. He reported that LRC will be adding a 2nd crisis provider. This provider will be providing evidence based services for individual 6 years of age and older that have developmental disabilities and a mental health diagnosis. This is a mental health service so the provider will be using the start model, an evidence based practice out of the University of New Hampshire. This organization was awarded the contract by the State to provide services via the regional centers. Board approval was needed to hire YAI to provide these services.

HCBS Update

Ms. Garibay gave a power point presentation on the HCBS Final Rule Compliance. She shared that the deadline for full compliance is March 27, 2023.

Non-residential programs service codes that are affected are: 028, 055, 063, 475, 505, 510, 515, 855, 950 and 954. Residential service codes that are affected are: 096, 113, 904, 905, 915, 910 and 920.

Providers that are in full compliance but did not receive a virtual site assessment are required to show their compliant status. Each provider must complete a residential (Enclosure 2b) or non-residential (2a) Validation template. Supported documentation is due to the regional center by June 30, 2022 and should be sent to providerservices@lanterman.org

Providers that received a virtual site-assessment and were found to be non-compliant are required to complete a Remediation template form. Each provider must complete a remediation template, for non-residential (Enclosure 4a) and for residential (Enclosure 4b). Documentation is due to the regional center by July 22, 2022 and should be sent to providerservices@lanterman.org.

Ms. Garibay shared that DDS is working on a solution for providers that were vendored after August 2020 and did not complete a virtual assessment but their service code indicated that they should have completed one.

Copies of the self-assessments can be requested from Ms. Garibay at sgaribay@lanterman.org for non-residential programs. Residential providers can request theirs from their QA Liaison.

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/cms-hcbs-regulations/assessment-information/> was posted on the chat.

NEW BUSINESS

Self Determination Update

Mr. Adrian Jimenez, LRC Self Determination Coordinator, gave a power point presentation on the Self Determination Program (SDP). Some of the highlights are:

- SDP is available to most clients ages 3 and above but excludes clients residing in skill nursing facilities or intermediate care facilities.
- Most clients participating in SDP will have flexibility in service delivery, will have control in development of services and will have an oversight in the selection/hiring of providers.
- Providers will not have to be vendored with the regional center (except FMS).

- Before enrollment, clients must attend a mandatory orientation and develop a Person Centered Plan.
- Generic resources should be considered first.
- All services purchased under SDP must be HCBS compliant.
- Financial Management Service (FMS) is the primary entity in charge of paying for services to providers directly.
- Unique services that are not available through traditional services are available through SDP.
- Providers are required to fit their services within the service code list; SDP service codes are under the 300 category.

Questions should be sent to Mr. Jimenez at ajimenez@lanterman.org. Contact websites were shared; they are also posted on the LRC website. The power point presentation will also be shared with the group.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Advocacy

Ms. Prescott mentioned that the May Revise from the Governor's budget came out and she encouraged all providers to visit the DDS website and review it.

DDS Updates

Mr. Ibañez shared the following:

- The deadline for the fully completed DSP survey is June 30, 2022, one survey per agency. There is a financial incentive for providers that complete the survey.
- May Revise for the California budget proposes the following Trailer Bill language:
 - SDP clients will not have to pay for the FMS service fee out of their individual budgets.
 - Early Start eligibility – change to the developmental delay threshold from 33% to 25% for a more inclusive approach.
 - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome will be added to the qualifying risk condition criteria.
 - A proposal to eliminate half-day billing for day services.
 - Alternative non-residential services will end effective 12/31/22 but the State is looking at different ways to keep the positive aspects that were achieved during the pandemic.
 - A new service has been proposed, Coordinated Family Support Services, which will help with end-of-life planning for clients who live with aging care-givers.
 - Changes have been proposed to the reporting for individuals with complex needs. Statewide limit for enhanced behavioral support homes and other IMDs will be eliminated.

LRC Updates

Mr. Ibañez shared the following:

- LRC is still closed to the public but some clients that need Intake assessments/eligibility are allowed in.
- Most staff continue working remotely coming to the office once or twice per week with the exception of the skeleton crew.

- Most regional centers have resumed normal activities and staff has come back to their offices FDLRC is currently assessing and the next stage will be decided upon soon.
- Providers are still required to report any staff Covid positive cases on a daily basis.

DDS Electronic Visit Verification

Mr. Ibañez reminded that SLS, Personal Assistance, Respite and Home Maker services were required to use an EVV system since March of this year. The original January 2022 deadline was extended. DDS recently released some office session dates. Sessions are scheduled for June 21, June 23 and June 25 and links were posted on the chat.

He also reminded providers that DDS and Sandata are available to provide support and technical assistance as needed.

Service Provider Breakfast

Ms. Prescott confirmed that the in person SP Breakfast is scheduled for November 2, 2022 at the Luminarias Restaurant. Subcommittee will meet after the meeting and will bring updates to the next meeting.

Provider Training

Ms. Prescott proposed having the “7 Rules for Reengaging Staff” training at the SPAC meeting in August. All committee members were in agreement.

Vendor Fair

No updates.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- All – There will be **no** meeting in July
- Ms. Prescott shared that Get Safe is a good resource that Easter Seals uses to deal with current community issues. A link was shared on the chat.
- Discussions on the joint meeting with Program & Services will continue.
- Ms. Prescott reminded the group that the Disability Thrive Initiative on “Addressing the Workforce Professionals Crisis” starts today, June 8, from 3:00 – 4:00 PM. The Lunch and Learn follow up call is scheduled for Friday, June 10. The link was shared on the chat.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 am

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

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