

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Easter Seals/Autumn Cottage
March 7, 2018
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kimberly West-Isaac
Dee Prescott
Sandy Moreno
Traci Jones-Martinez
Keri Castaneda
Nicole Hajjar
Jim Storck
Israel Ibanez
Yvonne Nakamoto

GUESTS

Janet Upjohn – Cheerful Helpers	Brian Nguyen – Easter Seals
Beatriz Diaz – In2Vision	Elinor Szekunda – ECF
Lisa Peterson – Shield Healthcare	Michaelann Gabriele – Center for Dev. Kids
Jonathon Harris – California Respite Care	Shelley Fernandez – SEEK Education
Arpi Gulgulyan – The Campbell Center	Bryan Chacon – Maxim Healthcare

STAFF

Karen Ingram
Sonia Garibay

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 7, 2018 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. Isaac shared the following:

- The 2017 “Holidays Are for Sharing” campaign raised \$45,551.00; 1,700 individuals were assisted and 41 families were adopted.
- ARCA’s 2018/19 budget priorities are:
 - The restoration of social recreation programs and camps,
 - Re-investing funds from sale of Developmental Center properties into affordable housing for clients
 - Funding and developing a process to support service providers fiscal needs
 - Oppose the Uniform Holiday Schedule.
- The 2018 Performance Plan was approved.

CMS Final Rule

Ms. Garibay reported that the semi-annual report has been submitted to DDS. The CMS meeting for residential providers is scheduled for March 23 @ the Goodwill Training Center located at 3150 N. San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles 90065 from 10:00am until 12:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS

SPAC Breakfast

No report. Ms. Moreno has received information about potential speakers. She'll forward that information to committee members for their review. The subcommittee will meet after the next SPAC meeting.

SP Vendor Fair

Ms. Castaneda shared that the SP Vendor Fair featuring children's services is scheduled for August 9 at the regional center starting at 9:30am, set up will start at 8:30am. An educational component will be incorporated into the fair.

Service Provider Training

Ms. Prescott reported that the group met to discuss the topics that providers could be interested in learning about; suggestions are as follows:

- Succession Planning
- A combined session on HIPAA, Technology and Social Media
- Insurance for businesses
- Changes providers have to make because of legalization of medical marijuana

Input from SPAC and guests was obtained and the HIPAA/Tech/Social Media was most popular. The training will be scheduled in May or September, depending venue and speaker availability.

Uniform Holiday Closures

The Uniform Holiday Closures that were introduced in 2008 as a cost-savings measure are included in the 2018/19 proposed budget, to be effective July 1, 2018. Ms. Ingram strongly advised providers to contact their local officials and the budget committees if they don't want the mandatory closures. This will be discussed during ARCA Grassroots.

Minimum Wage Update

Ms. Ingram reported that the deadline for providers to submit requests for rate adjustments due to the State Minimum Wage increase was March 1, 2018. Only 25 programs submitted requests for a rate adjustment. Some providers stated that the increase was not substantial enough and that it was not worth the work involved to submit a request. The average rate increase is \$0.15/hr.

Health & Safety Waivers

RCs had a meeting with DDS to discuss Health and Safety Waivers. Many providers have submitted requests for Health and Safety to address the local minimum wage increases, but responses from DDS are taking a long time to be reviewed (up to 1 ½ years) and most are being denied. A bill has been introduced to speed up the process and to get some definition to Health and Safety Waivers. DDS will have 30 days to respond to providers or DDS could request a 30 day extension, which they can do only once. If

the provider and RC do not get a response from DDS, the request will be automatically granted.

Providers that submitted Health and Safety waiver requests will be invited to a meeting to discuss the information that DDS is looking for in the requests.

NEW BUSINESS

Early Intervention Provider Meeting

The EI provider meeting is scheduled for March 22 @ 9:30 at the regional center to talk about the Legislative Analyst's Office Report. A notice was mailed to EI providers in February.

The report recommends that RCs should provide EI services because RC rates are lower than school district rates; thus will be more cost effective for the State. DDS has been appointed to figure out the best way for this to work effectively. SPAC members that provide services for EI clients were strongly encouraged to attend.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Ms. Moreno – The Campbell Center is having an Art Exhibit Gallery event Saturday, March 10, 2018. This is a result of a 6 week pilot project; over 50% of the clients participated. Contact Ms. Moreno by March 8 to RSVP.
- Ms. Hajjar – Smile + Wonder Art Exhibit went very well, attendance was great.
- Ms. Castaneda – AbilityFirst is having their annual Stroll & Roll on April 8, 2018 at the Historic Park. Attendance fee is \$35.00 per person.
- Mr. Ibanez – The California Supported Living Network is having their annual conference in San Diego in April. Mr. Ibanez encouraged providers to become members of the CSLN.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

2017-2018	N O V 17	D E C 17	J A N 18	F E B 18	M A R 18	A P R 18	M A Y 18	J U N 18	J U L 18	A U G 18	S E P 18	O C T 18	T O T A L
K. WEST-ISAAC - Chair	SP	X	N	X	X				N				
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	X	O	X	X				O				
S. MORENO	R	X		X	X								
I. IBANEZ	E	E	M	X	X				M				
K. CASTANEDA	A	X	E	X	X				E				
N. HAJJAR	K	X	E	X	X				E				
D. PRESCOTT	F	X	T	X	X				T				
J. STORCK	A	X	I	X	X				I				
Y. NAKAMOTO	S	E	N	X	X				N				
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