

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Easter Seals/Shield Health Care
May 2, 2018
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

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

EXCUSED

Dee Prescott

GUESTS

Beatriz Diaz – In 2 Vision	Bryan Chacon – Maxim Healthcare
Brian Nguyen – Easterseals	Yvette Torres – Premier Healthcare Services
Lisa Peterson – Shield Healthcare	Kelly White – Villa Esperanza Services
Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center	Hal Kirklin – 123 Homecare
Elizabeth Jenyo – Home Instead Senior Care	Shanna Hart – AbilityFirst
Lendy Ruano – Easterseals	Veronica Aleman – SVS
Priscilla Garcia – SVS	Janet Upjohn – Cheerful Helpers
Miriam Whitfield - SVS	

STAFF

Karen Ingram

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 4, 2018 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. Isaac reported the following:

- Security breach may have occurred after a break-in at DDS. DDS sent approximately 600,000 letters to its constituents to let them know about the situation.
- The Community Placement Plan (CPP) for FY 2017-18 was awarded 1 million dollars in housing development funds. A contract has been awarded to Los Angeles Housing Partnership for 15 units in a 68 unit project that will be designated to LRC adult clients. Section 8 will be attached to these units; units will be guaranteed for at least 15 years.

- A contract in the amount of \$550,000 was also awarded to Brilliant Corners to develop a 4 bed step down crisis home in LRC catchment area.
- LRC had a 32% caseload growth last month.

CMS Final Rule

No updates at this time

OLD BUSINESS

SPAC Breakfast

Ms. Moreno reported that the subcommittee met; two potential speakers will be considered. Committee will meet again via conference call to discuss it further. Committee continues discussing the possibility of discontinuing the goodie bags, final decision will be shared with committee at a later time.

SP Vendor Fair Update

Ms. Castaneda shared that the topic for the Service Coordinator training/Children's Services Vendor Fair is Sensory Integration. Committee is still working on the format of the fair. Set-up will be at 8:30 and the event will start at 9:30.

Service Provider Training

Ms. Moreno reported that the Service Provider Training has been scheduled for September 14 at the Goodwill Training Center from 9:00 – 11:30 AM. Topics to be discussed are:

- HIPAA Compliance,
- Social Media Concerns
- Cyber Insurance

Ms. Moreno shared that Ms. Stacy Depo from Easterseals will be the keynote speaker. Provider insurance companies and brokers will be invited to attend to provide information about insurance policies to providers. A charge of \$10.00 per attendee may apply.

Early Intervention Meeting Update

Ms. Ingram reported on the meeting with Early Intervention providers. Providers were reminded that the use of sub-contractors is not allowed by Title 17, and providers insisting on using sub-contractors will be put on "do not refer" status until they correct the problem. If the problem persists, steps will be taken to devendor the provider.

They were reminded that Speech Language Pathology Assistants (SLPAs) are not in the Title 17 so they cannot be used for in-home services, but they may be used for center based services because they are working under the supervision of the licensed speech pathologist on site. These meetings will take place at least 3 times a year to keep EI providers informed.

NEW BUSINESS

Electronic Visit Verification

Ms. Ingram shared that the Electronic Visit Verification serves to verify in-home services and it's a national requirement for CMS for in-home support services, including supported living, respite services. California has announced that it will not meet the

January 1, 2019 compliance date. Providers will be updated as information becomes available.

SPAC Meeting Sites

Committee members agreed to continue meeting at Easterseals – Glendale for the rest of the year as it improves guest attendance.

Subminimum Wage

Ms. Ingram reported that Senator Elizabeth Warren and 8 other Democratic Senators have sent a letter the US Dept. of Labor raising the issue of subminimum wage. Under the subminimum wage, employers are paying their employees less than the prevailing minimum wage because of their productivity levels, which it's a clear violation of people's rights; some people are calling it "exploitation". In the letter, Senators are asking the Dept. of Labor to put a stop to it; a response from the US Dept. of Labor is expected soon.

Copy of the letter will be distributed to SPAC members and will also be posted on the LRC website.

Housing Cuts

Ms. Ingram reported that the Administration submitted Legislation that would require people living in subsidized public housing to work among other conditions; there are no exceptions for senior citizens or people with disabilities who are not able to work. Regional Center clients would be seriously impacted by this requirement. Providers that are part of any housing organization were encouraged to sign up for petitions concerning this issue.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Ms. Moreno from The Campbell Center will meet with Mr. Antonio Villaraigosa on Monday, May 7. She will also be meeting with Senator Portantino on Friday, May 4 about several issues, including a 4% rate increase to sustain providers. On Friday, May 11, Ms. Moreno will be meeting with Laura Freedman.
- Mr. Antonio Villaraigosa will be interviewed on Monday, May 7 @ 1:30 at ECF Downtown Art Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

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K. WEST-ISAAC - Chair	SP	X	N	X	X	X	X		N				
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	X	O	X	X	X	X		O				
S. MORENO	R	X		X	X	X	X						
I. IBANEZ	E	E	M	X	X	X	X		M				
K. CASTANEDA	A	X	E	X	X	X	X		E				
N. HAJJAR	K	X	E	X	X	E	X		E				
D. PRESCOTT	F	X	T	X	X	X	E		T				
J. STORCK	A	X	I	X	X	E	X		I				
Y. NAKAMOTO	S	E	N	X	X	X	X		N				
VACANT	T		G						G				