Meeting was called to order at 10:44 AM and introductions were made.

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT
Kimberly West-Isaac
Traci Jones-Martinez
Keri Castaneda
Dee Prescott
Jim Storck
Greg Sanchez
Sandy Moreno
Yvonne Nakamoto

EXCUSED
Nicole Hajjar
Israel Ibanez

GUESTS
Beatrice Diaz – In 2 Vision
Bijan Beizgi – In2vision
Janet Upjohn – Cheerful Helpers
Miriam Whitfield - SVS
Kelly White – Villa Esperanza Services
Elinor Szekunda – ECF
Jacklin Pfaff – Total Education Solutions
Kyra Griffith – TLC Speech Therapy
Susie Pittman – Build Rehab
Richard Rubio – People’s Care
Alejandra Alegria p People’s Care
Cindi Raimondi - ABLE

STAFF
Karen Ingram
Sonia Garibay

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes of August 1, 2018 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS
Board Meeting
Ms. Isaac reported that the group discussed the Budget, Administrative Affairs and caseload ratio.

Legislative Advocacy
Ms. Prescott shared that AbilityFirst, Villa Esperanza Services and Easter Seals, representing the provider community, recently visited Assemblyman Holden to thank him for his efforts in getting bridge funding for regional centers to assist providers with rate adjustments due to local minimum wage increases.
Ms. Prescott asked the group if they were interested in forming an advocacy group of clients to do some local legislative advocacy. Providers willing to explore this possibility should contact Ms. Prescott.

Ms. Ingram suggested providers write an article and send it to her with a picture of self-advocates in action and she’ll submit it to the LRC e-bulletin editor.

Ms. White informed that the Los Angeles Coalition of Service Providers will have a meeting on September 13 with the Executive Directors of the LA Regional Centers to talk about system sustainability and how to move forward. She stated that everybody needs to be re-educated to learn how the regional system works.

**CMS Final Rule**
Ms. Garibay shared that DDS announced that there will be transition funds available for FY 2018-19. The application process will be announced by next month.

The questions on the Self-Assessment Tool have been updated to include how receiving the transition funds will change the provision of services for clients, and identifying how the change will impact program participants. Information will be posted on the LRC website.

Ms. Garibay reminded providers that the last transition fund period was mostly used for Person Center Planning trainings, which is a requirement for CMSFR.

Ms. Garibay informed that the State Transition Plan has been pre-approved but still needs some revisions. DDS is working with an outside agency in the development of a system to gather the self-assessment information from service providers; they will be identifying a service provider to participate within the next month. Ms. Garibay will give an update at the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**
**SP Breakfast Update**
Ms. Moreno reminded the group that the SP breakfast is scheduled for November 7 at La Canada Flintridge Country Club. Lisa Brauer, MFT has been confirmed as the Keynote Speaker. Ms Brauer will be presenting on “Caring for Yourself and Others”

Ms. Moreno asked committee members to donate gift cards or other items to be raffled, and noted that there will be no goodie bags this year. She also encouraged them to send their RSVPs early.

**CPP/CRDP Update**
Ms. Ingram informed that the Community Placement Plan (CPP) added the Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) component this year. She clarified that CPP is the process by which regional centers get funds to develop resources for people coming out of developmental centers, locked facilities and people that are coming back from out of State placement.
Ms. Ingram informed that community input meetings had to be held for the CRDP portion of the plan submitted to DDS. She stated that the priorities identified in the four meetings that were held were not necessarily those reflected on what was included in the plan. Priorities are posted on the LRC website. The plan was submitted to DDS prior to the August 30 deadline.

**Children Services Training and Vendor Fair**
Ms. Castaneda shared that the SC training and vendor fair went well; the presentation on Sensory Integration was engaging and was very well received by service coordinators. Good interaction between service coordinators and providers was observed. Eighteen providers signed up for the vendor fair, seventeen attended.

**HIPAA, Cybersecurity & Social Media Training**
Ms. Prescott announced that the HIPPA, Cybersecurity & Social Media training has been rescheduled to October 9 at the regional center. This training will take the place of the usual, second Tuesday of the month provider training. The Chief Information Officer from Easterseals has been confirmed as the keynote speaker. Insurance representatives will also attend to answer questions providers may have. Ms. Prescott will get the flyer ready. There will be a $10.00 attendance fee. To register contact Training & Development.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SPAC Vacancy**
Ms. Ingram informed the group that Mr. Ibanez is leaving the committee, therefore a seat will be available in November. Interested providers should contact Ms. Ingram or Ms. Isaac.

**UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**
- Ms. Ingram clarified that to date, no holiday closure dates have been shared by DDS.
- Ms. Ingram informed that several trainings for families will be scheduled to talk about employment, the impact of benefits, and repair credit. Trainings will be posted on the LRC website.

**ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 AM
## Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting

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