

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center  
Service Provider Advisory Committee  
November 4, 2020  
Minutes**

This committee Zoom meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM and roll call was taken.

**SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kimberly West-Isaac  
Traci Jones-Martinez  
Keri Castaneda  
Jim Storck  
Yvonne Nakamoto  
Kyra Griffith  
Dee Prescott  
Kelly White  
Nicole Hajjar

**EXCUSED**

Greg Sanchez

**Guests:**

Beatriz Diaz/In2Vision	Pam Arturi/Easterseals	Isis McDonald/AbilityFirst
Michaelann Gabriele/CDK	Yancy Chavez/Easterseals	Adrian Estrada/In2Vision
Lendy Ruano/Easterseals	Nancy Niebrugge/The Campbell Ctr	Brian Nguyen/Easterseals
Maura Enriquez/Easterseals	Charlotte Heim/Precise Care	Andrea Devers/PCS Lanterman
Janet Upjohn/Cheerful Helpers	Bryan Chacon/Maxim Healthcare	Bijan Beizai/In2Vision
Veronica Aleman/SVS	Kendra Espinoza/Tender Touch	Christian De Paz/ACT
	Harry Bruell/PathPoint	

**Staff**

Pablo Ibañez  
Sonia Garibay

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from October 7, 2020 were accepted as submitted.

**REPORTS**

**Board**

Ms. Isaac did not attend the Board meeting, Mr. Ibañez reported the following:

- There were no announcements or public input and minutes were approved.
- The December Board meeting has been rescheduled a week earlier due to the holidays.
- LRC proposal for the Alternative Staffing Model has been approved.

- LRC still in the process of sending out the satisfactory surveys to clients and families. Once all the information is gathered from the surveys it will be shared.
- ARCA report:
  - Harbor RC and Westside RC have new Executive Directors; Central Valley RC has an Interim Director.
  - The DDS Disparity Grants, now called Service Access Equity Grants, funding cycle has been approved.
  - Legislative Budget – There are cuts to K-12 education, State colleges and State employees in the 2020-21 budget as a result of a lack of federal assistance.
- The Administrative Affairs Committee gave a presentation on the Operations Budget and Staffing Plan for 2021; both were approved.
- The Endowment Plan Proposal to provide clients with technology (devices and Internet services) was approved. This plan is in its early stages. More info to follow.
- The Nominating Committee provided an update on the SPAC Nominations. SPAC has 2 vacancies.
- The Board of Directors is still recruiting a new member.

### **HCBS Self-Assessment Status**

Ms. Garibay reported that DDS announced that they will be doing another round of HCBS compliance funding during the holidays. Providers were encouraged to be on the lookout for it. This funding is available to service providers that are out of compliance with the HCBS requirement, that have an identified need which can be addressed with some modifications in order to be in full compliance. The next meeting is scheduled for early December.

The on-site assessments will start soon with a small pilot program, with about 50 providers. RCs will work with providers and will let DDS and PCG know when providers are ready. These assessments will be done on a weekly basis; PCG intends to complete the 1,200 assessments by June 30, 2021.

### **Staff Training/Vendor Fair Committee**

In the absence of Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Ibañez shared the possible use of a new platform to disseminate information to service coordination. Instead of having a broader remote vendor fair the plan is having smaller presentations to service coordinators; more info to follow.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Legislative Advocacy**

Ms. White shared that the L.A Coalition of service providers is meeting with all supported living providers as another budget is coming out in January. As she gets additional information she'll share with the group.

#### **DDS Updates**

Mr. Ibañez reported the following:

- Alternative Services updates - DDS definitions in terms of Alternative and Traditional Services were once again shared.

- LRC has taken the position that, if the provider is providing the same type of services they were providing before the pandemic, in the same way, in a different location, or remotely providers are encouraged to stay traditional and bill traditional. It was clarified that the final decision on how to receive services will be made by the provider and the family.
- Monthly Reports – to date, LRC has not received the promised DDS templates.
- December 1<sup>st</sup> is the new date for Alternative Rates set by DDS to be in effect. Once those rates are set, DDS will distribute them to the RCs, and then RCs will distribute them to providers. We expect the first monthly report will be due by December 5<sup>th</sup> for the months of September, October and November.
- LRC will follow up with day service and possibly other providers asking them to send a template letter (provided by LRC) to let the RC know if they are or they will be resuming in-person services. Mr. Ibañez once again clarified that LRCs is not approving in-person service plans but providers are encouraged to send their plan to the RC and planning team is aware of the precautions that will take place to keep everyone safe.
- Cares Act – A third run of funding is available through this Friday with an increasingly simplified process. Providers were encouraged to take advantage of this funding.

Ms. Isaac shared a concern regarding clients with underlying health conditions returning to day programs and asked if the LRC Clinical Team would be able to provide guidance and best practice guidelines to follow before sending clients back out. Ms. Ibañez confirmed that, in fact, the Clinical Team can be of assistance but that guidance and best practices as it relates to COVID precautions are still being issued by the CDC and local and state Public health departments.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **LRC Updates**

Mr. Ibañez and the committee gave a warm farewell to Ms. Jones Martinez for her commitment and contributions to SPAC for 10 years. She will be missed.

### **SPAC Vacancy**

Mr. Ibañez announced that the committee has 2 vacancies. He encouraged potential participants to send a letter of intent and their resume to him.

## **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

- Mr. Ibañez – the e-billing technical issue has been fixed. This issue prompted Ms. Castaneda to suggest having an Accounting representative attend a SPAC meeting to clarify questions providers may have. It was agreed that, since there will be a rate change in December, to have Accounting representation invited to an upcoming meeting.

## **ADJOURNEMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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

<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>N O V 20</b>	<b>D E C 20</b>	<b>J A N 21</b>	<b>F E B 21</b>	<b>M A R 21</b>	<b>A P R 21</b>	<b>M A Y 21</b>	<b>J U N 21</b>	<b>J U L 21</b>	<b>A U G 21</b>	<b>S E P 21</b>	<b>O C T 21</b>	<b>T O T A L</b>
<b>K. WEST-ISAAC - Chair</b>	X												
<b>T. JONES MARTINEZ</b>	X												
<b>K. CASTANEDA</b>	X												
<b>N. HAJJAR</b>	X												
<b>D. PRESCOTT</b>	X												
<b>J. STORCK</b>	X												
<b>Y. NAKAMOTO</b>	X												
<b>G. SANCHEZ</b>	E												
<b>K. GRIFFITH</b>	X												
<b>K. WHITE</b>	X												