

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Villa Esperanza
April 3, 2013
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kelly White
Traci Jones-Martinez
Oscar Carvajal
Kimberly West-Isaac
Shelby Forn
Bill Murphy
Sandy Doughty

NOT PRESENT

Emily Lloyd
Isis McDonald

GUESTS

Noey Garcia – In2Vision
Israel Ibanez – Inclusion Services
Kathleen Kolenda – Easter Seals
Lydia Goossens – Easter Seals
Maurilia Aguilar – Progressive Behavior Therapy
Raquel Gonzalez – MDH-SLS Program
Danny Tapia – Easter Seals
Pamela Jacobson – UCP – LA
Diana Montesdeoca – 24 Hr Home Care

STAFF

Karen Ingram

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 9, 2013 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. White & Ms Ingram reported the following:

- Howard McBroom, a Board member, was asked to speak at a conference in Berlin, Germany.
- Ms. Ingram gave an educational summary on the Community Services activities.
- ARCA – The Governor’s proposal budget from January thru this fiscal year is prime budget right now. Some legislative visits have already started. The first budget hearing is scheduled for April 11. Early Start is the main focus at the legislative

visits. ARCA, Lanterman and other regional centers are in support of the restoration of the early start program services.

- Regional centers and providers are in support of the sunset of the 1.5% going back to providers effective July 1, 2013.
- Administrative Affairs Report – OPS is below budget due to frozen positions but POS spending is above budget. LRC is projecting a 3-4 million dollar deficit.
- The disparity data – The Los Angeles Times did a series of four articles on Autism and the lack of services for the non English speaking population throughout the State. There will be another series of these articles based on new data collected. The Legislature passed a law that says that regional centers have to address disparities at public community meetings.
- ICF 1915 I Spa Waiver – getting close to receive CMS funding which will be retroactive to 2009. It is anticipated that if these funds come thru, the regional centers will be busy doing back billing and rate adjustments.
- The Board of Directors did a Board self assessment at the beginning of the fiscal year about how the Board and the community are working together. The results were positive.

Strategic Planning Committee

Mr. Murphy reported the following:

- Dr. Shueman will present a report on disparities and services across the country at the next meeting.
- Natural Core Indicators are replacing the life quality assessment interview approach in the State of California. They were developed by the National Association of Directors of Developmental Disability Services and the Human Resource Institute. Their report is available on line.
- The Way Forward is continuing. Fourteen regional centers, including LRC are participating on The Way Forward. There will be more workgroups and interviews to collect more data.

LDC Closure

Ms. Ingram confirmed that as of April 2, 2013 only 31 LRC clients remain at LDC. Resources have been identified for all clients except for one because the client's family is opposed to the move. It is anticipated that all clients will be moved out of LDC by the end of the next fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS

SPAC Breakfast

The breakfast will be held at Brookside on November 6. The same format as previous years will be used. Subcommittee members will meet at 9:00 a.m. on May 1 before the SPAC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Presentation

Each year the Board gets reports from each of the Divisions and Departments. This year Ms. Ingram made a presentation on the Quality Assurance and the Vendorization process. Ms. Ingram shared that due to frozen positions within the Community Services unit, the

Quality Assurance, Resource Development and Vendorization were combined. There is a continue cross training within CS team members.

New forms and procedures have been added to the vendorization process to meet the new DDS requirements. Last year, 175 new providers were added to the provider's panel, 151 VSN's were processed and 112 out of area providers were entered into the system. All new potential program sites receive a visit before the vendorization process begins.

Quality Assurance is now mandated by Title 17 to do two unannounced visits per year to residential service providers. The total visits for 2012 were: 135 unannounced visits and 111 Annual Reviews. The QA team also does non-residential monitoring (day programs, work programs, Independent Living Services, Supported Living Services and In-Home services).

Abuse investigations are also part of the Community Services responsibilities. In 2012 45 complaints were investigated.

ICF Rate Reduction

Ms. White reported that for the past few months there's been a lot of advocacy on the 10% cut that just passed which will be retroactive to August 2012. This is not across the board cut, it depends on what the individual daily rate was in 2008-09 when the rates were frozen. Under the new revised methodology, approximately 64% of providers will not be affected by this cut. The providers' concern is that this reduction will result in business failure, services disruption and loss of caregiver jobs. A report on this is available on line.

Legislation

Ms. Ingram reported that there are at least 7 bills directed towards Autism, all bills mention disparity of services, providing services in the primary language of the family. There are discussions about how regional centers can accomplish the goal in doing that. This will be included in the hearing agendas. The State Council and Developmental Disabilities is presenting the "Employment First" Bill again but it's not likely to pass. This Bill is about schools doing their jobs getting clients from work to school and to school to work. Ms. Ingram will bring a list of the Bills that are still alive to the next SPAC meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Ms White shared that there is a change in regulations for residential facilities. AB40 states that if provider suspects bodily injury or abuse in a residential facility they are now required to report it within two hours of acknowledgement of incident.
- Ms. Ingram has been attending a series of workshops on "Difficult to Serve" clients at Brookside. The last workshop will be on April 25.
- Villa Esperanza has a roommate opening at their apartments. This is HUD housing.
- Ms. Ingram shared that HUD 8-11 is being discontinued and that it's being replaced by a Housing Voucher Program that will provide clients with a voucher good for 5 years to get them out of institutions.

- “Save the Date” for October 21, 2013 – Workshop with Tom Pomeranz on “Employment of people who are difficult to serve”.
- Inclusion Services has been granted a license for a LAI residential home in the ELARC catchment area.

UPCOMING MEETING SITES FOR 2013

May 1 – Glendale Adventist – Eagle Rock
 June 5 – FVO Solutions – Pasadena
 July 3 – No meeting
 August 7 – TBD
 September 4 – LRC Community Meeting @ FDLRC
 October 2 – AbilityFirst – Pasadena
 November 6 – Annual Breakfast
 December 4 – Easter Seals – Glendale

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

2012-2013	N O V 12	D E C 12	J A N 13	F E B 13	M A R 13	A P R 13	M A Y 13	J U N 13	J U L 13	A U G 13	S E P 13	O C T 13	T O T A L
K. WHITE, Chair	SP	X	X	X	N	X							
I. McDONALD	B	X	X	X	O	E							
E. LLOYD	R	X	E	X		E							
O. CARVAJAL	E	X	X	X	M	X							
T. JONES MARTINEZ	A	X	X	X	E	X							
S. FORN	K	X	E	X	E	X							
S. DOUGHTY	F	X	E	X	T	X							
B. MURPHY	A	X	E	X	I	X							
K. WEST-ISAAC*	S	X	X	X	N	X							
VACANT	T				G								

New member*