

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Easter Seals
December 3, 2014
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kelly White
Sandy Contreras
Israel Ibanez
Kimberly West-Isaac
Keri Castaneda

EXCUSED

Kathleen Kolenda
Bill Murphy
Traci Jones-Martinez
Miriam Whitfield

GUESTS

Ramanita Runtu – ABLE
Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center
Paula O'Sullivan – Glen Park
Michuan Flemming – FVO Solutions
Alfredo Diaz – Seek Education
Craig Holliman – Easter Seals
Noey Garcia – In2Vision
Alisa N. Fisher – Behavior Guidance Group
Kae Yabuki – Seek Education
Nicole Hajjar – Smile Pediatric

STAFF

Karen Ingram

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 1, 2014 were approved pending the following corrections:

- Under New Business “Sub Minimum Wage” should read as “Minimum Wage”
- Under Announcements “GAR Services” will be replaced by its new name “The Campbell Center.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. White did not attend the Board meeting. Ms. Ingram reported the following:

- There was a Board Education presentation on Cultural Competency Training. T&D Directors have put together this on-line training and comments from the Board have been forwarded.
- Center's Insurance was reviewed.
- Finances – spending for the first quarter was 28% of POS. The Center is anticipating a deficit.
- Edwina Hall was elected new member to the Board.
- Ms. Ingram shared information on the SP Breakfast.

The Board will not be meeting in December.

LDC Closure

There are still two (2) LRC clients remaining at the LDC. The homes developed for these clients are waiting to be licensed. Closure is on target. Total residents remaining at LDC is ten (10).

Provider Advocacy

Ms. White invited providers to sign on to the Change.org campaign to promote the 10-5-0: 10= 10% rate increase now to help ease the provider funding crisis; 5= additional 5% increase in January 2016; and 0=remove the unfunded holidays that were put in place in 2009. Providers were strongly encouraged to write letters to their local legislators and the Governor requesting a 10% increase across the board for providers. They were also encouraged make an effort to get to know their local legislators and educate them on how the regional center system works, as some of them are new and don't know much about regional centers. For sample letters please contact Ms. White.

OLD BUSINESS

SPAC Breakfast

Ms. Contreras reported that the breakfast was a successful event, the venue was excellent, the food was good, and attendees seemed to be very happy. In all, everybody agreed that this has been the best breakfast ever. A heartfelt thanks to Easter Seals for providing the center pieces and to the subcommittee for working very hard putting this event together. The committee also thanked Ms. Padilla for her work on the event. It was suggested having next year's breakfast at the same location. 2015 subcommittee members are: Ms. Contreras, Ms. Castaneda and Ms. Kolenda.

2014 Goals

The Committee reviewed SPAC's 2014 Goals and determined that most were met: hosted the annual breakfast, hosted one community meeting and increased guest participation. One goal was partially met: held one of two meetings at a non-member site. One goal was not met: host legislative advocacy training. It was noted that SPAC did host a well-attended "Succession Planning" workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Committee Goals

- Host the Annual SP Breakfast

- Host one Community Meeting
- Host a Legislative Advocacy Training
- Hold one meeting as a non-member site
- Increase Guest Attendance
- Host workshops on various topics

Discussion regarding topics for workshops ensued. Ms. West-Isaac suggested workshops that will help smaller providers strengthen their business. Ms. Ingram encouraged hosting sessions throughout the catchment area to teach providers how to promote themselves as a businesses to help Legislators understand what they contribute economically to their districts. Meeting to draft details is scheduled for December 17. Volunteers to work on this are: Ms. White, Ms. Castaneda, Ms. Contreras, Mr. Ibanez and non-SPAC member Ms. Alisa Fisher.

2015 Meeting Locations

- January 7 – AbilityFirst
- February 4 – The Campbell Center
- March 4 – Villa Esperanza
- April 8 – Joint meeting with P&S @ LRC
- Additional meeting sites TBD

2015 Uniform Holiday Schedule

Copies of the Uniform Holiday Schedule were distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Ms. Ingram shared that LRC is going paperless and vendor files will be scanned soon.
- LRC has boxes of new files to donate to non-profit organizations. Interested agencies are asked to contact Irma Padilla to place an order and arrange to pick up.
- LRC is posting a Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop Level 2 and Level 3 homes. There is no funding attached to these proposals.
- LRC has a need for behavior respite and shared an RFP with vendored ABA agencies. Two agencies have already shown interest.
- An RFP for FY14/15 CPP will be issued for day services for people with dual diagnosis.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

2014-2015	N O V 14	D E C 14	J A N 15	F E B 15	M A R 15	A P R 15	M A Y 15	J U N 15	J U L 15	A U G 15	S E P 15	O C T 15	T O T A L
K. WHITE, Chair	SP	X											
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	E											
S. CONTRERAS	R	X											
B. MURPHY	E	E											
K. WEST-ISAAC	A	X											
I. IBANEZ	K	X											
K. KOLENDA	F	E											
K. CASTANEDA	A	X											
M. WHITFIELD	S	E											
VACANT	T												