

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by AbilityFirst
February 4, 2015
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kelly White
Sandy Contreras
Bill Murphy
Kimberly West-Isaac
Israel Ibanez
Kathleen Kolenda
Keri Castaneda
Miriam Whitfield
Traci Jones Martinez

GUESTS

Mary-Jo Bautista, Psy.D – Family Way Adult Family Home Agency
Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center
Elana Schechtman – Jewish Family Services
Gloria Leiva – Jeffrey Foundation
Veronica Solano – Jeffrey Foundation
Nicole Hajjar – Smile Pediatric
Luana Acuna – In2vision
Tannet Schach – Maxim Healthcare
Vince Hull – Maxim Healthcare
Talar Tchoboan – The Campbell Center
Tim Heaslip – California Mentor
Ramanita Runtu – ABLE
Daneve Millan – The Campbell Center

STAFF

Melinda Sullivan

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 7, 2015 were approved as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. White reported the following:

- LRC organizational audit was completed, no issues were identified.
- Ms. Maureen Wilson, Director of Training and Development, gave an overview on trainings and activities of the unit. Trainings for families and service coordinators are now available on-line.

- Bruce Harrell, representative of Area Board X, informed that Area Board X has changed its name to Regional Offices of State Council of the Developmental Disabilities of California.
- LDC is officially closed; property will be given to the State University Cal Poly effective July 1, 2015.
- DDS submitted the State application to CMS by the December 31, 2014 deadline and it is now posted on the DDS website. There will be 2,500 families participating statewide over a 3 year period; 74 will be from Lanterman Regional Center.

OLD BUSINESS

FSLA Overtime Rule

Ms. Sullivan reported: the FSLA was struck down at the federal level, the Department of Labor has appealed that decision. The timeline for this appeal is about 6 months, possibly more. The Court can uphold or reverse Judge Leon's decision. The Department of Labor is maintaining that if the decision is reached between July 1 – December 31, 2015 they are going to proceed with enforcement actions using prosecutorial discretion. If a decision is reached after December 31, 2015 there will be no enforcement. Per Ms. Sullivan, the Home Care Rule update will be forwarded to SPAC members.

Lanterman Coalition Rate Reform

Ms. White shared that the Lanterman Coalition is pursuing rate reform for service providers. ARCA continues to partner with Lanterman Coalition and work with the developmental services task force. Their January 28, 2015, focused rates and the rate structure for all regional centers funded programs, regional center OPS, caseload ratios, medical and mental health supports, housing and employment. The FY15/16 budget does not have the 10% provider rate increase being requested. Ms. White encouraged providers to get involved and contact their legislators.

Legislative Advocacy Training

An email blast with the dates for SPACs Legislative Advocacy trainings was sent out. Trainings will be provided as follows: February 12: 9-11am at AbilityFirst/Kinneloa; 1-3pm at The Campbell Center/Alma House; February 19: 9-11am at Villa Esperanza Services/Braun Center; 1-3pm at Jackie Robinson Center/Community Room; February 26: 9-11am at FVO Solutions; 1-3pm at Lanterman Regional Center. Providers were encouraged to attend to learn how to advocate for the 10% rate increase and tell their elected officials what value their business brings to the community.

NEW BUSINESS

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Ms. Sullivan reported: WIOA was signed by President Obama and needs to be implemented by July 1, 2016. There are two key pieces to this: 1) Its focus is transition from school to work 18-20 year old and people with disabilities must be referred to work first - building on an Employment First policy, 2) States cannot use federal funding to support someone under the age of 24 unless the individual has failed employment twice. The ARCA Employment Committee is encouraging local regional centers to facilitate meetings with DOR, school districts, workforce centers, SELPAS and providers to

review the process each agency is using to implement WIOA. This topic will be discussed more at the next SPAC meeting

SPAC Breakfast

The breakfast location has been reserved and the speaker is already secured. Ms. Contreras informed that the subcommittee will meet to discuss the rest of the logistics. She asked providers to start collecting donations for the goodie bags from vendors that they do business with.

2015 SPAC Meeting Locations

- March 4 – Villa Esperanza/Braun Center
- April 8 **– Joint Meeting with P&S Committee @ LRC
- May 6 – Social Vocational Services, Inc (parking \$17.00)
- June 3 – Smile Pediatric (parking \$6.00)
- July – No Meeting
- August 5 – FVO Solutions, Inc.
- September 2 – LRC – community meeting
- October 7 – Easter Seals/Glendale Senior Center
- November 4 – SPAC Breakfast
- December 2 – AbilityFirst/Kinneloa

** Note this change in date. This is NOT the regular SPAC meeting date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Jewish Family Services is hosting two events: 1) A Family Play Day at the Zimmer Children’s Museum on February 16, from 10:00am – 12:30pm. Entrance fee is \$5.00 person, \$25.00 max per family. 2) A Sensory Family Friendly Event on February 22 from 12:00 – 3:00pm at the Camp Max Straus. Entrance fee is \$5.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door.
- The ARC and UCP are holding a conference in Sacramento on March 8 and 9 to discuss the 1050 campaign and to revisit 5% coming back to help providers with the minimum wage increase for the direct care staff. Several providers are attending this conference.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

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K. WHITE, Chair	SP	X	X	X									
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	E	E	X									
S. CONTRERAS	R	X	X	X									
B. MURPHY	E	E	X	X									
K. WEST-ISAAC	A	X	X	X									
I. IBANEZ	K	X	X	X									
K. KOLENDA	F	E	X	X									
K. CASTANEDA*	A	X	X	X									
M. WHITFIELD*	S	E	X	X									
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