

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by GAR Services/Alma House
January 9, 2013
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kelly White
Isis McDonald
Traci Jones-Martinez
Oscar Carvajal
Kimberly West-Isaac

NOT PRESENT

Emily Lloyd
Shelby Forn
Bill Murphy
Sandy Doughty

GUESTS

Noey Garcia – In2Vision
Charlie Lopez – In2Vision
Israel Ibanez – Inclusion Services
Cesar Torres – Inclusion Services
Kathleen Kolenda – Easter Seals
Lydia Goossens – Easter Seals
Miriam Whitfield - SVS

STAFF

Karen Ingram

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 5, 2012 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

No report, there was no Board meeting in December

Strategic Planning Committee

No report, there was no meeting in December

LDC Closure

Ms. Ingram shared that there are 35 LRC clients remaining at LDC. The CPP home developed with 2009-10 funds should be licensed by March. It will house four LDC clients and will be operated by Ambitions. Two homes developed with 2010-11 funds are expected to be ready for occupancy by June 2013. These homes will also be operated by Ambitions and will house four LDC clients each. Easter Seals has two homes developed with 2010-11 funds opening soon that will be accepting four LDC clients each.

OLD BUSINESS

SPAC Breakfast

Ms. Ingram confirmed that the contract has been signed with Brookside Golf Course to hold the November 6 2013 recognition breakfast. The subcommittee members are: Ms. Doughty, Ms. Jones-Martinez, Ms. Lloyd and Ms. West-Isaac. Sub-committee members will meet to discuss potential speakers by the end of January.

Review of 2013 SPAC goals

The 2013 SPAC goals were reviewed:

- **Breakfast Committee** – sub-committee members are: Ms. Doughty, Ms. Jones-Martinez, Ms. Lloyd and Ms. West-Isaac.
- **Legislative Advocacy Forum** – sub-committee members are: Ms. Jones-Martinez, Ms. West-Isaac and Ms. White. Villa Esperanza will host the forum.
- **Hold two meetings at non-member sites** – Easter Seals will host the meeting in March at the Glendale Community Center. Ms. Ingram will inquire with other providers to host the August or December meetings.
- **Increase guest attendance to SPAC meetings** – the draft invitation letter was reviewed by committee members and some changes were suggested. Revisions to the letter will be made by Mr. Ingram; after revisions the letter will be routed to Ms. Anand for approval. Letter should be mailed to providers by January 18, 2013.

Ms Ingram discussed the SPAC vacancy. She shared with the group what the qualifications and responsibilities for becoming a SPAC member are. Providers interested in joining the committee should contact Ms. Ingram.

NEW BUSINESS

ICF Homes

Ms. White informed that DDS has proposed a 10% rate decrease, retroactive to August 2012, for ICF providers. As this cut will have a big impact on the services provided for medically fragile clients, some regional centers and ICF providers are already sending letters to the Department of Health opposing this measure. Providers that have not sent letters yet were encouraged to do so.

m/s/c to request that Lanterman Regional Center send a letter opposing the 10% retroactive rate decrease.

Provider Fair for Work/Vocational Programs

Ms. Ingram informed that LRC is having a provider fair for the Workshop, Supported Employment and Vocational Programs on February 14, 2013 @ LRC from 9:30 to 11:30. All service coordinators will be invited but the Transition and ongoing units will be targeted. SPAC members will also be invited.

Housing Guidelines

Homes developed with DDS funds have to go thru a nonprofit organization that has a mission to develop affordable housing for people with developmental disabilities. LRC is currently working with HOPE to develop homes for people moving out of LDC. It has been challenging to find housing in the LRC catchment area due to the high cost of housing and some bank restrictions on lending. The 2012-13 housing guidelines just came out and are being reviewed. It appears there are new requirements that make it more difficult for the housing agencies to acquire and maintain houses since DDS must approve every step.

As of July 1, 2013 regional centers will not be paying for clients residing out-of-state or in locked facilities. LRC has currently 5 clients receiving services from out-of-state providers and 20+ in locked facilities. Resources for these clients are being developed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- AbilityFirst and the City of Pasadena will host "The Teen Scene Socials Winter 2013" on February 16, March 16 and April 13. A flyer with more information was distributed.

UPCOMING MEETING SITES FOR 2013

February 13 – Joint meeting with Programs & Services Committee @ FDLRC

March 6 – Easter Seals – Glendale Community Center

April 3 – Villa Esperanza – Braun Center – Pasadena

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 - TBD

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 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										
I. McDONALD	B	X	X										
E. LLOYD	R	X	E										
O. CARVAJAL	E	X	X										
T. JONES MARTINEZ	A	X	X										
S. FORN	K	X	E										
S. DOUGHTY	F	X	E										
B. MURPHY	A	X	E										
K. WEST-ISAAC*	S	X	X										
VACANT	T												

* New Member