

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center  
Service Provider Advisory Committee  
Hosted by Ability First  
July 9, 2014  
Minutes**

**SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kelly White  
Isis McDonald  
Traci Jones-Martinez  
Sandy Contreras  
Kathleen Kolenda  
Israel Ibanez  
Bill Murphy  
Kimberly West-Isaac

**GUESTS**

Gloria Leiva – Jeffrey Foundation  
Veronica Solano – Jeffrey Foundation  
Noey Garcia – In2vision  
Shawn Farrell – Maxim Healthcare  
Lydia Gossens – Easter Seals  
Cindi Raimondi – ABLE  
Jim Storck – Autumn Cottage  
Bill Martin – Autumn Cottage  
Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center  
Paula Peterson – The Campbell Center/Gogian House  
Kae Yabuki – Seek Education  
Laura Campana – Junior Blind

**STAFF**

Karen Ingram

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of June 11, 2014 were approved as submitted.

**REPORTS**

**Board Meeting**

Ms. White reported the following:

- This was Ms. Melinda Sullivan’s first official Board meeting as the LRC Executive Director. She shared her plans in terms of transitioning to her new position.
- Ms. Karem Chacana, Director of Human Resources, gave her administrative report and future challenges.
- Ms. Maureen Wilson, Director of Training and Development, gave her administrative report.

- Election of officers was held. Larry Debour is the incoming Chair, Ray Lemus is Vice Chair, Eduardo Solis is Treasurer and Louis Mitchell is Secretary.
- The Conflict of Interest form was signed by all Board members.
- It was reported that Early Intervention services were restored effective January 2015.
- Howard McBroom, Client Advocate and Board member, was recognized with a plaque as his term on the Board ended.
- There was a motion to approve a new audit firm per contract requirements to change audit firms every five years.

### **LDC Closure**

Ms. Ingram reported that there are 48 clients remaining at LDC, including five (5) LRC clients.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **SPAC Breakfast**

Mr. Robert Egger has been confirmed as the note key speaker for this event. As previously mentioned, he operates the L.A. Kitchen. Since Mr. Egger is waiving his fee, LRC will donate \$1,000 to the L.A. Kitchen. Optima Family Services will donate the tote bags and Easter Seals will provide the center pieces for the tables. Ms. Contreras reminded committee members and guests that items for at least 200 goodie bags are needed. Goodie bags will be assembled at the Glendale Community Center on October 1, after the SPAC meeting. Ms. White will be MC. Providers were encouraged to donate gift cards for the raffle.

#### **Succession Planning Workshop**

Ms. Ingram shared that LRC is sponsoring a Succession Planning Workshop for providers on Wednesday August 6, 2014 from 9:00am – 12:00pm at the California Endowment Center. Providers interested in attending should register with LRC Training & Development.

#### **Tom Pomeranz Workshops**

Ms. Ingram asked providers to mark their calendars as Dr. Tom Pomeranz is returning to LRC on August 28 and August 29 for four (4) half day sessions. He will present a different topic at each session. A flyer and registration forms will be mailed out soon. Space is limited.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Sheltered Workshop – Federal Action**

Ms. Ingram shared with the group an article from Disability Scoop regarding Federal legislation that will require the closure of all sheltered workshops. The new CMS Final Rule is opposed to segregated programs. The Department of Justice has already shut down sheltered workshops in several states. Providers voiced concern because most vendored programs are segregated. It is uncertain what this really means for the RC programs. California has to submit their plan by December 2014. LRC will hold focus

groups with providers as more information becomes available. Providers interested in receiving the full e-mail should contact Ms. Ingram.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

- The Governor vetoed the 5% increase for providers and also the 10% return to supported employment providers, but he asked the Department of Health and Human Services to review rates and services. The LDC Closure Task Group has been reconvened for this purpose.
- The Gogian Foundation is offering generous grants to non-profit agencies working with people with developmental disabilities. Ms. Ingram will forward the e-mail to providers interested in applying for these grants.

#### **MEETING SITES FOR 2014**

August 6 – No meeting

September 3 – LRC – Community meeting

October 1 – Glendale Community Center hosted by Easter Seals

November 5 – SPAC Breakfast, La Canada-Flintridge Country Club

December 3 – TBD

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am

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

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