

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center  
Service Provider Advisory Committee  
Hosted by Ability First  
June 11, 2014  
Minutes**

**SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kelly White  
Isis McDonald  
Traci Jones-Martinez  
Sandy (Doughty) Contreras  
Kathleen Kolenda  
Israel Ibanez

**NOT PRESENT**

Bill Murphy  
K.West-Isaac

**GUESTS**

Sarah Blitzstein – Jewish Family Services  
Miriam Whitfield – SVS  
Gloria Lerva – Jeffrey Foundation  
Veronica Solano – Jeffrey Foundation

**STAFF**

Karen Ingram  
Gwen Jordan

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of May 7, 2014 were approved as submitted.

**REPORTS**

**Board Meeting**

Ms. White reported the following:

- Eileen Richey, ARCA Executive Director, visited some LRC programs and spoke to the Board about ARCA’s role for advocating for centers with DDS and the legislature. Focus this year is on restoration of Early Start, increased rates for service providers and regional center operations, and self-directed services.
- Melinda Sullivan presented the 2013 Annual Administrative Report on Client & Family services.
- LRC’s line of credit with Citi National Bank was approved.
- The FY14/15 budget must be presented to the Governor by June 15 and signed before June 30, 2014. At this time Early Start is in the budget, along with POS funds for rate adjustments due to the minimum wage increase.

- Ms. Anand is retiring June 20 and Melinda Sullivan will be the next Executive Director effective June 23, 2014. Ms. Sullivan intends to be out in the community and meeting with different provider groups during her first year. She will attend the September provider community meeting at Lanterman.

### **LDC Closure**

Ms. Ingram reported the following:

- No change from last month, there are still five LRC clients remaining.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **SPAC Breakfast**

- Ms. (Doughty) Contreras reported that items are needed for 200 goody bags. SPAC members need to start gathering items and bring them to the Oct 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Oscar Carvajal will donate the bags. Irma Padilla will email a reminder with the October agenda.
- Ms. Kolenda has a potential speaker for the SPAC breakfast. Robert Egger has written a book “Begging for Change”, and operates LA Kitchen. Mr. Egger speaks of service systems changing and the need to assist people to become more self-sufficient. He has offered to speak at the SPAC breakfast for free. Members were asked to go to Mr. Egger’s website and give the committee their feedback.

### **Minimum Wage Update**

Ms. Ingram reported the following:

- LRC’s letter was mailed last week advising providers of the process to request the minimum wage rate adjustment. The spreadsheet is posted on the LRC website. Providers currently paying staff less than \$9/hour must submit their completed form(s) by September 2, 2014. If a rate adjustment is approved it will be retroactive to July 1, 2014. Everyone in Community Services has the spreadsheet and can email it should providers not be able to access it via the website.

### **CMS Final Rule**

Ms. Ingram reported the following:

- CMS is generating numerous materials regarding the ‘final rule’ and the direction from segregated to integrated programs. Ms. Ingram will be doing focus groups and asking for volunteers to commit to reading the materials and having discussion.
- Ms. Ingram is participating in a webinar on June 20 regarding the CMS final rule.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Committee Education-Clinical Services**

- Ms. Gwen Jordan, R.N., Director of Clinical Services, gave an overview of Clinical Service activities, including behavioral care, the relationship they have developed with UCLA, preventative oral health care and how it benefits the clients. She also discussed Clinical Services future challenges and the Medicaid Waiver.

### **Succession Planning Workshop**

Ms. Ingram reported the following:

- There will be a Succession Planning workshop on August 6, 2014, from 9am-12pm at the California Endowment Center for providers. On the agenda will be Claire Matsushita from CCL who will speak on licensed programs, Michelle Mattie, an attorney who specializes in wills and trusts, Ann Seisa, provider, and Ann Hamilton, provider. The workshop will be open to other regional centers. Israel Ibanez volunteered to be the SPAC sponsor attending the workshop.

### **Speech Therapy Meeting**

Ms. Ingram reported the following

- There have been a number of issues with Speech Therapy providers. There are Title 17 regulations that speech therapists need to follow, including the fact that SLPAs (speech language pathology assistants) may not provide in-home therapy. SLPAs can do clinic-based services under supervision of a Speech Language Pathologist. Unfortunately some agencies are using SLPAs for in-home therapy. A meeting for speech therapy providers will be held to discuss the use of SLPAs and other issues commonly found during provider audits. Agencies will be asked to sign a document that will be placed in the vendor file acknowledging that they understand the regulations.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

- Ms. Ingram will be emailing a handout titled “Keeping the Promise” that she picked up at a conference. The paper is written by self-advocates and has their thoughts on promises for services and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities and how they have/not been met. This will be a topic for discussion at a future SPAC meeting.
- It was suggested to have SPAC members bring a book they have read and have discussion on it at a future meeting.
- \*Reminder that the next SPAC meeting will be July 11 as several committee members will be at a conference on July 2.
- LRC received letter from DDS informing that LRC is out of compliance with the caseload ratio. Twenty-seven (27) additional Service Coordinators are needed to be in compliance.
- Pride Transportation, a SGPRC vendor, will no longer be doing business in southern California effective July 1, 2014.

### **MEETING SITES FOR 2014**

\*July 9 – Gogian House – Glendale

August 6 – No meeting

September 3 – LRC – Community meeting

October 1 – Easter Seals

November 5 – SP Breakfast

December 3 – TBD

\*NOTE – This meeting date has been changed from the regular meeting date of the first Wednesday of the month to the second Wednesday of the month.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am

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

2013-2014	N O V 13	D E C 13	J A N 14	F E B 14	M A R 14	A P R 14	M A Y 14	J U N 14	J U L 14	A U G 14	S E P 14	O C T 14	T O T A L
K. WHITE, Chair	SP	X	N	X	X	E	X	X		N			
I. McDONALD	B	X	O	E	X	X	X	X		O			
T. JONES MARTINEZ	R	X		X	X	X	X	X					
S. DOUGHTY CONTRER AS	E	X	M	X	E	X	X	X		M			
B. MURPHY	A	X	E	X	X	X	E	E		E			
K. WEST-ISAAC	K	X	E	X	X	E	E			E			
I. IBANEZ	F	X	T	X	X	X	X	X		T			
K. KOLENDA	A	X	I	X	E	X	X	X		I			
VACANT	S		N							N			
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