

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center  
Service Provider Advisory Committee  
Hosted by Ability First  
June 1, 2016  
Minutes**

**SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Traci Jones-Martinez  
Bill Murphy  
Kimberly West-Isaac  
Israel Ibanez  
Dee Prescott

**EXCUSED**

Kelly White  
Sandy Contreras Moreno  
Miriam Whitfield  
Nicole Hajjar

**GUESTS**

Janet Upjohn – Cheerful Helpers  
Morgan Benny – TES  
Bryan Chacon – Maxim  
Isis McDonald – AbilityFirst  
Elana Scheelthman-Gil

**STAFF**

Karen Ingram  
David Norman

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of May 3, 2016 were accepted as submitted.

**REPORTS**

**Board Meeting**

Ms. Ingram reported the following:

- Ms. Ingram gave a presentation on CMS Final Rule.
- The Regional Center's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was discussed. Lanterman RC is doing a small series of videos with clients and parents saying what the system and the services mean to them. Information will be sent out on social media.
- Lanterman Regional Center is on a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for being out of compliance with service coordination: client ratio. The law says the ratio should be 1:66, but LRC has 1:95 caseloads. There is money in the special session bill to hire service

coordination, but it is not known how many positions each regional center will get. The CAP will be posted on the LRC website.

- A line of credit was approved for the summer. The bank that most regional centers use is not charging an interest fee to have a line of credit with them. It is anticipated that the budget will get passed on time.
- The employee health plan was reviewed. The Board voted to pay 100% of employee health benefits next fiscal year

### **Advocacy Updates**

- No update for any advocacy meetings.
- Mr. Ibanez brought up the issue of SB490 and discussion was held.
- Kelly White has done some advocacy in the city of Pasadena regarding the City's minimum wage co plying with the State's implementation schedule.

### **CMS Final Rule Update**

- The state has not submitted the plan which was to have been submitted in May. As of today Tennessee is the only state that has an approved plan. Ms. Ingram suggested that SPAC members go on the website and read the Tennessee plan. There will be LRC provider meetings in August.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **SP Breakfast**

- No updates for SPAC breakfast. Reminder that donations are needed for the goody bags.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **May Revise**

- The May Revise looks good, no significant changes for our system.
- Ms. Ingram shared and reviewed a letter received from the department regarding implementation of ABX21. Ms. Ingram discussed the eleven million to assist regional centers in reducing our purchase of service disparities. There is no direction yet on how the monies will be allocated. This will be in effect July 1, 2016. Ms. Ingram discussed the increase in rates and wages for certain service providers. DDS will send out letters which will include the adjustments for the 5% plus the 7.5% and the 2.5% for admin. The department is sending out one rate letter explaining the rates.
- Increasing competitive integrated employment and internship opportunities for clients. Ms. Ingram participated in a stake holders group. Information was provided on what the internship program should look like. Providers will be asked to track their employment placements.
- All supported employment agencies as of July 1, 2016 will receive a \$1,000.00 payment for initial placements. An additional payment of \$1,250.00 will be given when the client has been employed for 6 consecutive months; and an additional \$1,500.00 when the client has been employed for 12 consecutive months.

- The Department will be required to submit a rate study to the legislature on or before March 1, 2019.

#### **AB1715**

- The letter on AB1715 was emailed with the agenda to SPAC members. This bill proposes that only BCBA's provide ABA services. ARCA has taken an oppose position. Ms. Ingram suggested people read the bill and oppose it.

#### **Provider Training Nov. 12**

- Tom Pomeranz – The training on "Consumer to Producer" for provider's staff is scheduled for Saturday, November 10 pending SPAC members confirmation.. Providers will need to pay for their staff to attend and at least 50 people need to attend. SPAC members will respond to Karen by June 15, 2016.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

- Ms. Ingram introduced Lanterman Regional Center's new Resource Developer, David Norman.
- Ms. Ingram suggested that SPAC members review and search the Dept. of Labor final rule regarding overtime. All providers will be affected.

#### **2016 SPAC Meeting Locations**

- July 6 – NO MEETING
- August 3 – AbilityFirst (Green Street) – Pasadena
- September 7 – FDLRC – Los Angeles
- October 5 – Easter Seals – Glendale
- November 2 – SP Breakfast – La Canada
- December 7 – Smile Pediatric – Los Angeles

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 AM  
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*Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting*  
**ATTENDANCE**

2015-2016	N O V 15	D E C 15	J A N 16	F E B 16	M A R 16	A P R 16	M A Y 16	J U N 16	J U L 16	A U G 16	S E P 16	O C T 16	T O T A L
K. WHITE, Chair	SP	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	N				
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O				
S. MORENO	R	X	X	E	E	X	X	E					
B. MURPHY	E	X	X	E	E	X	E	X	M				
K. WEST-ISAAC	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E				
I. IBANEZ	K	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	E				
K. CASTANEDA	F	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	T				
M. WHITFIELD	A	X	X	X	A	A	X	E	i				
N. HAJJAR	S	E	X	X	E	X	E	E	N				
D. PRESCOTT	T	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	G				