

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Ability First
October 6, 2011
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kelly White
Oscar Carvajal
Isis McDonald
Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso
Shelby Forn
Traci Jones-Martinez

EXCUSED

Emily Lloyd

GUESTS

Jose Meraz – In2Vision
Noey Garcia – In2Vision
Sandy Doughty – GAR Services
Kathleen Kolenda – Easter Seals
Cesar Torres – Inclusion Services
Israel Ibanez – Inclusion Services
Kimberly Isaac – West Residential
Bill Murphy – Foothill Vocational
Bernadette Manalo – NBC Guest Home

STAFF

Karen Ingram
Patrick Aulicino

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 7, 2011 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. White reported the following:

- Ms. Sullivan presented on the Client & Family Services division, with an overview of the Early Start and Prevention programs.
- The Board approved entering into contracts with the following providers to develop CPP homes for clients moving out of the Lanterman Developmental Center: HOPE, Easter Seals, Flagship and Ambitions.
- LRC was audited by DDS and the outcome was positive.

OLD BUSINESS

TBL implementation

Vendor posting on web - Ms. Ingram informed that LRC is working with Network of Care to find appropriate categories to post required provider information on LRC website. Information required includes provider's name, vendor number and contact information. AB862, Mr. Silva, would require that rates also be posted. The LRC Board of Directors asked the Governor to veto this Bill. ARCA's position is neutral.

Vendor audit requirement - LRC's CPA gave a special training to explain the difference between a financial review and a financial audit. Providers expressing concerns about the cost of this new mandate are being advised to speak with their elected officials.

Day Program Half Day Billing - Ms. Ingram reported that community and center based day program providers were invited to a meeting @ LRC last month to discuss changes to the TBL, and how these changes will affect their agencies. The process for half-day billing was reviewed.

Behavior providers were invited to a meeting @ LRC to discuss the new behavior management parent verification form, the new behavior technician position and the emergency regulations. Providers were reminded that the behavior technicians do not meet LRC minimum standards for behavior services. Behavior direct services are now required to submit attendance sheets signed by the parents. To make this process easier for providers, the LRC Accounting Department is generating individual invoices for clients, thereby allowing timely payment for those clients for whom the parent verification forms are submitted.

The 4.25% rate reduction to usual and customary providers is being implemented.

16+ facilities (2009 TBL) - As of July 1, 2012 regional centers may not fund any individual living at a facility of 16 beds or more, unless the facility is approved for the Home and Community Based Services Waiver or the Assisted Living Waiver. LRC is working with DDS to make six geriatric homes eligible for the HCBS waiver.

SPAC Breakfast

Ms. McDonald reported that all is ready for the breakfast. SPAC members are expected to be at the breakfast site by 8:00 am to assist with last minute preparations. All agreed to bring two \$20-25 gift items to be raffled. Ms. White thanked the breakfast subcommittee for doing such good work, but especially Ms. Emily Lloyd for going above and beyond in collecting donations for the goodie bags. Goodie bags will be assembled after today's meeting.

SPAC Nominations

Ms. Patricia Stock is no longer a SPAC member; the committee now has 3 vacancies. Ms. Lloyd and Mr. Carvajal have showed interest in being reappointed for another 2 year term on the committee. Mr. Bill Murphy from Foothill Vocational Opportunities and Ms.

Sandy Doughty from GAR Services have showed interest in joining the committee. All names will be submitted to the Nominating Committee at their October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

E-Billing

Before discussing the e-billing mandate, Mr. Aulicino reported that there is no allocation yet for the FY11/12 Community Placement Plan. The POS allocated for this year is 200 million less than last year, statewide.

TBL requires RCs to vendor a fiscal intermediary to process payments to clients/families for transportation, respite and day care voucher services. The FMS organization will receive a fee of \$45 - \$90 per month per person to process these payments. Some of these funds will be recovered from the feds for clients on the Medicaid Waiver.

TBL requires the Annual Family Program fee when families receive a purchased service when they have a minor child living at home and make 400% above the poverty level. The annual fee is \$200, but may be reduced to \$150 in case of financial hardship.

TBL also requires that by July 1, 2012, all service providers, except for parent vouchers, will be on electronic billing. There will be a series of training sessions on e-billing over the next three months that will be conducted by service type. Forms and more information are available on the LRC website.

December & January meetings

The committee agreed to meet in December, but not in January 2012. Villa Esperanza offered to host the December meeting.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Dr. Richard Koch, pioneer in PKU, long time advocate for people with developmental disabilities, and namesake of LRC's Koch-Young Resource Center, passed away. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 8, 4pm at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena.
- Ms. Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso announced that Easter Seals has reorganized supervision responsibilities. Ms. Trevizo-Reinoso is now the Vice President for Residential Options. Ms. Kathleen Kolenda will now supervise day and after school programs.

UPCOMING MEETING SITES

November – SPAC Breakfast
December 7 – Villa Esperanza

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

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K. WHITE, Chair	SP	N	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N	X	X	9
L. TREVIZO-REINOSO	B	O	X	X	E	E	X	X	X	O	X	X	7
I. McDONALD	E		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	9
E. LLOYD	E	M	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	M	E	E	6
O. CARVAJAL	A	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	9
T. JONES MARTINEZ	K	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	E	X	8
S. FORN*	A	I								I	X	X	2
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* New Member