

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by GAR Services/Gogian House
August 1, 2012
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Isis McDonald
Traci Jones-Martinez
Emily Lloyd
Oscar Carvajal
Shelby Forn
Sandy Doughty
Kimberly West-Isaac

EXCUSED

Kelly White
Bill Murphy

GUESTS

Israel Ibanez – Inclusion Services
Kathleen Kolenda – Easter Seals
Raquel Gonzalez – MDH-SLS Program, Inc.
Robert Wahlstron – Foothill Vocational Opportunities

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 6, 2012 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. Ingram reported the following:

- LRC has received a percentage of contract funds from the State. LRC's line of credit is available in the event that it is needed to pay providers and operations.
- Board approved a contract to develop two homes. One home will be a three bed crisis home for adolescents, the other will be a four bed step-down home. This will be the first crisis home in Lanterman Regional Centers' area.
- The responses for the survey 'The Way Forward' went well. Thirteen Regional Centers participated in the project. Comments are being collated and analyzed by the group of The Way Forward.

- DDS has commented that LRC Board of Directors is not diverse enough. Ms. Ingram noted that LRC struggles to find clients able to service on the Board. Ms. Ingram asked SPAC members to submit names of clients who may be good candidates.
- In response to the L.A. Times articles on service disparities, FY12/13 TBL is requiring regional center data on ethnicity, services provided and languages spoken be compiled on an annual basis.
- Board elected officers and directors. Luis Mitchell and Eduardo Solis are new members. Members elected to another term are Anila Guruji, Mark Higgins, Al Marsella, Zulma Mena, Brian Newkirk and Dina Richman. Officers elected are Mark Higgins, President, Al Marsella, Vice President, Marjorie Heller, Treasurer, and Anila Guruji Secretary.
- ARCA goals and objective for 2013 year were reviewed.

LDC Closure

Ms. Ingram reported the following:

- LRC has 39 clients remaining at LDC (down from 70).
- One three bed home has been purchased by HOPE and should be ready for occupancy by the end of the year. Easter Seals has one home in escrow. If all approved homes are purchased quickly there could be ten homes opening in the next 12 months.
- The clients that are left in the LDC have health and behavioral issues, requiring specialized staffing.
- The clients who have moved from LDC to date are doing well.
- The focus now is on the difficult to serve. This includes regional center clients residing in out-of-state facilities, jail, skilled nursing facilities and mental health facilities.

NEW BUSINESS

SLS Assessment

Ms. Ingram shared the following:

- The FY11/12 TBL required an independent assessment for everyone receiving SLS whose cost were more than 125% of the statewide average. LRC had thirty-three clients in that category.
- The FY12/13 TBL removed the independent assessment requirement. RCs are now required to use an assessment tool developed by DDS, the Supported Living Services Standardized Assessment Questionnaire. LRC is developing an instruction sheet to help ID teams use the tool. The tool was reviewed and recommendations were made by SPAC members.
- Several parents recently have inquired about Parent Coordinated SLS. SPAC reviewed documents prepared to help families understand the requirements of SLS, including developing the program design. Recommendations and feedback on the document were requested from SPAC members.

ABA Parent Booklet

- SPAC reviewed a letter and booklet that was sent out to parents of children receiving ABA services. As of July 1, 2012, insurance health plans are required

to cover ABA services. Providers are being encouraged to build relationships with insurance health plans. Kaiser of Southern California has selected one provider, Easter Seals. LRC is paying insurance copayments..

Community Based Program/Emergency Guidelines

- Emergency Guidelines for Community Day Programs used by another RC were reviewed. The committee was asked for input on developing something similar for LRC providers. Consensus was positive the guidelines should be developed, though perhaps not to the level of detail as those reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

SPAC Breakfast

Breakfast Committee Chair Sandy Doughty reported that the keynote speaker, John Hall, has been confirmed. Mr. Hall is a businessman, a father of a son with autism and is himself a person with autism. LRC will purchase 160 copies of Mr. Hall's book to distribute to attendees. Mr. Hall will do a short book signing. Committee members were reminded to donate and/or collect donations of 200 promotional items for goodie bags. SP breakfast committee will meet at 9am on Sept. 5, 2012 at FDLRC.

UPCOMING MEETING SITES FOR 2012

September 5 – FDLRC, Los Angeles

October 3 – Villa Esperanza, Pasadena

November 7 – Annual Breakfast

December 5 – TBD

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

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| O. CARVAJAL | E | X | M | E | M | X | X | X | M | X | | | |
| T. JONES MARTINEZ | A | X | E | X | E | X | X | X | E | X | | | |
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