

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Foothill Vocational Opportunities**

May 2, 2012

Minutes

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS

Israel Ibanez – Inclusion Services
Maurilia Aguilar – Progressive Behavioral Therapy
Kathleen Kolenda – Easter Seals
Christopher Arroyo – Area Board X
Miriam Whitfield – SVS

STAFF

Karen Ingram

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 4, 2012 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. White reported the following,

- “The Way Forward” survey seeks to get the opinion of a variety of stakeholders as to how they view the current service system, and suggestions for changing the system to sustain the entitlement. The survey will be emailed and will be available in Spanish. The KYRC will assist providers/clients who may not have access to a computer to complete the survey.
- The Board is going thru a self assessment process.
- E-billing will be fully implemented by July 1, 2012. There are about 1,000 providers who are still not enrolled.
- Budget – The Governor is expected to release the revised budget by May 10, and the Legislature is supposed to approve it by June 15. DDS recommendations for the

\$200million have not been made public. Once the revised budget is released, LRC will visit Senate and Assembly representatives and encourages providers to do the same.

Ms. Ingram shared the ARCA talking points for the recent Grassroots Day legislative event, as well as the ARCA testimony for the Senate Select Committee on Autism and Related Disorders with regards to the disparity in services hearing.

Ms. Ingram gave updates on the implementation of TBL:

- E-billing - the Accounting Dept. is now calling providers to make sure they are enrolled by July 1.
- The Medicaid Integrity Form, required by the Federal Government, was mailed to all providers.
- Supported Living Assessments – LRC is on target to have the independent SLS assessments completed by June 30, 2012.
- The home and community based waiver application was approved, day programs will be notified of the Tailored Day Program option now available.
- Very few audits or financial reviews have been received. Reminder letters will be mailed.
- Half day billing – day program providers were informed of the requirement.
- Financial Management Services (FMS) – RC has a contract with one agency to implement this. Payments to parents will not be disrupted while the change takes place.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed L.A. City Housing Ordinance

Mr. Christopher Arroyo from Area Board X, shared that the L.A. City Council is considering an ordinance to address unlicensed group homes following complaints from neighbor. This ordinance will impact people with disabilities living in shared housing. Area Board X is encouraging individuals and agencies to let the City Council know why they should oppose this ordinance. Follow up questions should be directed to Area Board X, 818-543-4631. A handout with information was distributed.

Legislation

SB 1259 – Emerson. This bill is attempting to address the fiscal audit financial review for providers. Any entity receiving a minimum of \$250,000 but not more than \$1,000,000, may apply to the regional center for a two year exemption from the independent audit and independent review.

SB 946 – was passed and signed last year. This bill requires health insurance to cover ABA services. This bill affects only private insurance companies (MediCal, Healthy Families, self insured entities and MediCal HMO are exempt). If insurance companies have higher provider rates, RC families will feel the impact if service providers are harder to find due to lower rates.

SB 2338 – Chesbro. It's a continuation of the Employment First Bill. This bill is going thru committee.

OLD BUSINESS

SPAC Breakfast

The Subcommittee presented the idea of an “early bird raffle” to encourage participants to arrive on time for registration, and to have live music while people eat. Registration will start at 8:45. Ability First will donate the table center pieces and Optima Family Services will donate the tote bags. The goodie bags will be assembled at Villa Esperanza on October 3 after the SPAC meeting. All donations should be sent to Villa Esperanza by October 3 or brought to the meeting. Ideas for speakers are welcome.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Ms. Lloyd reported on the Townhall meeting hosted by ECF. This was a coalition of seventeen agencies that serve children and adults with developmental disabilities. “A Call to Action” was to provide information to stakeholders and constituency about what the situation is with the 4.25% rate reduction and encourage them to get active to inform and educate Legislators about supporting the unsetting of the rate cut.
- New Day, a day program for adults, has closed its doors effective immediately.

UPCOMING MEETING SITES FOR 2012

June 6 – ECF, Los Angeles

July 11 – No Meeting

August 1 – GAR Services - Glendale

September 5 – FDLRC, Los Angeles

October 3 – Villa Esperanza, Pasadena

November 7 – Annual Breakfast

December 5 – TBD

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am

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ATTENDANCE

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K. WHITE, Chair	SP	E	N	X	N	X	X						
I. McDONALD	B	X	O	X	O	X	X						
E. LLOYD	R	X		X		X	X						
O. CARVAJAL	E	X	M	E	M	X	X						
T. JONES MARTINEZ	A	X	E	X	E	X	X						
S. FORN*	K		E	X	E	X	X						
S. DOUGHTY*	F	E	T	X	T	X	X						
B. MURPHY*	A	X	I	X	I	E	X						
K. WEST-ISAAC*	S		N	X	N	X	X						
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* New Member