

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Glendale Adventist – Play To Learn Center
May 1, 2013
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS

Noey Garcia – In2Vision
Kathleen Kolenda – Easter Seals
Maurilia Aguilar – Progressive Behavior Therapy
Pamela Jacobson – UCP – LA
Diana Leiva – The Jeffrey Foundation
Veronica Solano – The Jeffrey Foundation
Ramanita Runtu – ABLE
Jennifer Ochoa – ABLE
Cesar Torres – Inclusion Services
Sarah Blitzstein – Jewish Family Services
Bernadette Manalo – NBC Guest Home

STAFF

Karen Ingram
Maureen Wilson
Mary Flynn

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 3, 2013 were accepted as submitted.

Mr. Israel Ibanez was welcomed as the new SPAC member. Mr. Ibanez provides Supported Living Services in LRC catchment area.

Presentation

Ms. Mary Flynn, LRC Peer Advocate and Ms. Maureen Wilson, Training and Development Director, gave a presentation on “Woman’s Reproductive Health”. Ms. Flynn provides group sessions/trainings for adult female clients, teaching them appropriate behaviors and how to deal with women’s health issues. The goal of these sessions is to help clients understand how their body works. A list of GYN doctors who will work with regional center clients is available to providers thru the Clinical Services Unit.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. White reported the following:

- Ms. Melinda Sullivan presented on the Autism Team’s review of behavior management services and the qualifications of vendored ABA providers. Trainings with existing and new providers will continue.
- LRC made local visits to elected officials, focusing on eligibility criteria for children birth to 3. Changes made to save money mean fewer children are receiving early intervention services when they will do the most good.
- Disparity series – LRC is looking at data compiled by DDS regarding service disparities between ethnic groups. A community meeting will be held by June 30. Results will be posted on the website.
- Audit/Financial Review requirement – some providers have been placed on a “Do not refer” list for failure to submit an Audit/Financial Review. Providers that don’t comply with this requirement may be devendored.
- The 1.25% **rate reduction is still on target to sunset June 30, 2013**

Legislative Visits

Mr. Carvajal participated in the Legislative visit to Mike Gatto’s office to express concern about the change in eligibility criteria since 2009 and how this change has affected services for 0-3 year old children. Providers were encouraged to write letters and to go on local visits to make Legislators aware of the benefits that children 0-3 will get if the eligibility criteria change back to 2009 eligibility levels.

LDC Closure

Ms. Ingram reported that as of April 30, 2013, 181 clients remain at Lanterman Developmental Center. LRC has placed 4 clients during this fiscal year, but it is anticipated that up to ten clients will be placed by the end of the fiscal year.

LRC is developing programs and relationships with the mental health community to help and understand the clients with dual diagnosis. Regional Center cannot fund the ‘difficult to serve’ clients in locked mental health facilities after June 30, 2013. Centers are working with the mental health community to develop needed resources to support these individuals.

OLD BUSINESS

SPAC Breakfast

The breakfast will be held at Brookside on November 6. Easter Seals will donate 20 center pieces for the tables, Optima Family Services will donate the tote bags and ECF will coordinate the goodie bag donations. Ms. White will be the MC again. Providers were asked to donate at least 200 hundred items for the goodie bags. Donations of gift baskets and gift cards for the raffle are also needed. Assembly of goodie bags will be at AbilityFirst on October 5, after the SPAC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislation

Ms. Ingram reported the following:

- AB 954 – Maienschein – This bill would increase the hourly rate for supported employment individual and group services. ARCA supports this bill.
- AB 1112 – Ammiano – This bill would require the supported employment rate to be the same as the rate established by the Department of Rehabilitation. DOR doesn't set rates, however, so the bill is not expected to pass. ARCA supports this bill.
- SB 669 – Huff – will allow non medical personnel at schools and other sites to administer an EPI pen injection in case of an emergency. ARCA supports this bill.
- AB 1041 – Chesbro - employment first bill that defines and promotes competitive employment for clients. ARCA will follow this bill closely.

For more information on these bills go to arcanet.org and click on “Legislation” or go to Lanterman's web site, click on “Network of Care” then click on “Legislation”

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Ms. Ingram announced that providers that don't want personal information posted on the “Network of Care” should send a written request to the regional center.
- A concern regarding the additional 4% rate reduction on IHSS was raised. Ms. Ingram clarified that RC will pay the difference.
- GAMC has a new Tic Management Program which is a non medication management run by the observational therapists for kids with tics.

UPCOMING MEETING SITES FOR 2013

June 5 – FVO Solutions – Pasadena

July 3 – No meeting

August 7 – TBD

September 4 – LRC Community Meeting @ FDLRC

October 2 – AbilityFirst – Pasadena

November 6 – Annual Breakfast

December 4 – Easter Seals – Glendale

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

2012-2013	N O V 12	D E C 12	J A N 13	F E B 13	M A R 13	A P R 13	M A Y 13	J U N 13	J U L 13	A U G 13	S E P 13	O C T 13	T O T A L
K. WHITE, Chair	SP	X	X	X	N	X	X						
I. McDONALD	B	X	X	X	O	E	X						
E. LLOYD	R	X	E	X		E	X						
O. CARVAJAL	E	X	X	X	M	X	X						
T. JONES MARTINEZ	A	X	X	X	E	X	X						
S. FORN	K	X	E	X	E	X	X						
S. DOUGHTY	F	X	E	X	T	X	X						
B. MURPHY	A	X	E	X	I	X	X						
K. WEST-ISAAC	S	X	X	X	N	X	E						
I. IBANEZ*	T				G		X						

New member*