

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Villa Esperanza/CalWes Residential
May 3, 2016
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kelly White
Keri Castaneda
Traci Jones-Martinez
Kimberly West-Isaac
Sandy Contreras Moreno
Dee Prescott
Miriam Whitfield

EXCUSED

Israel Ibanez
Bill Murphy
Nicole Hajjar

GUESTS

Beatrice Diaz – In2Vision
Deborah Cook – Shady Acres
Janet Upjohn – Cheerful Helpers
Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center
Jennifer Prince – AbilityFirst- College to Career Program
Kelly Ternent – Change Factors Analysis
Cindy Raymondi – ABLE

STAFF

Karen Ingram

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 6, 2016 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. White reported the following:

- Ms. Rose Chacana, Assistant Director for the Koch Young Resource Center, gave a presentation on the Promotora Project. LRC partners with Esperanza Community Housing Co. to improve the access for selected families to LRC services and generic resources in the community.
- Larry Debour, former Board President, and others shared their experience at Grassroots in Sacramento. They thanked Legislators for putting some funding back into the RC system.

- Ms. Sullivan, Executive Director, sent DDS a summary of the input from the Disparity meetings. One recommendation was that a technology program put in place to keep track of the data. This summary is available on the LRC website.
- The Regional Center system turns 50 this year – more details will be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- LRC's lease ends in 2018. A realtor has been selected to start the process of looking at the Center's needs and options to accommodate growth.
- The regional center system is now a 6 billion dollar system
- The nominating committee will submit the names of new Board members at the May meeting, as well as the slate of officers. Elections will be done at the annual meeting in June.

CMS Final Rule Update

Ms. Ingram informed that in April Mr. Tom Pomeranz did a week of trainings for providers and RC staff. LRC offered to sponsor two staff from each day program. Ms. Ingram shared that many agencies did not respond, which is disappointing since the training will help ensure a smooth transition into the integrated services that CMS now requires.

The LRC task force has been assembled with one representative from each of the provider work groups and Community Services staff. The focus of the group is to ensure that accurate information and consistent communication is disseminated to families, clients, providers and RC staff. There is a tab for the CMS Final Rule on the Service Provider page of LRC website.

Ms. Contreras Moreno suggested having Mr. Pomeranz do a Saturday training/presentation for providers that cannot afford to send their staff during regular working hours. Ms. Ingram informed that there is a training budget and she will check his availability.

OLD BUSINESS

SP Breakfast

Ms. Moreno reported that almost all is arranged for the breakfast with the exception of the donations for the goodie bags. She reminded providers to reach out to the vendors that they do business with to solicit at least 200 items. Mr. Bill Martin, Autumn Cottage, will donate the centerpieces, and Mr. Ibanez, Inclusion Services, will donate the tote bags. The goodie bags will be assembled on October 5th, after the SPAC meeting.

Minimum Wage Update

Ms. White shared that she spoke at a City of Pasadena Council meeting, asking them to consider following the State minimum wage implementation schedule. The city of Pasadena is suggesting increasing the minimum wage to \$10.50 effective July 1, 2016, \$12.00 in 2017 and \$13.25 in 2018. The wage will then be revisited to see how businesses have been affected before moving on to \$15.00 by 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

IHSS Changes

Ms. Ingram informed that the rules for IHSS will be enforced. The transition time that was granted ends in May. There has been discussion from some of the groups that work with IHSS trying to get the period extended because there are still issues with hiring enough people to do IHSS. There are also concerns because of the number of cases in which it is a family member who is the IHSS worker. For agencies that do hire or assist clients in hiring IHSS workers they have to adhere to the overtime and other rules.

New Paid Time Off

Ms. Ingram reported that there is a proposal now for 6 paid sick days. The City of San Francisco now has an ordinance for paid FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act).

Ms. Isaac asked if the RC or ARCA have a contingency plan in place to assist small/aged providers to absorb the economic changes to the system with the current rates. Ms. Ingram advised that some rates may be adjusted when the State issues the directive, but Federal or Local jurisdiction requirements may not be eligible for an adjustment. Ms. Ingram reminded the group that some rate increases are in ABX2-1, and the Governor's proposed FY16/17 budget has some new funding.

2016 SPAC Meeting Locations

- June 1 – AbilityFirst (Green Street) – Pasadena
- 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Ms. White encouraged providers to register on The ARC's website to get their newsletters and e-mails as they are very informative.
- DDS is encouraging service providers to return the survey as DDS have not received enough responses to calculate the 7.5% wage and 2.5% administrative adjustment from ABX2-1. The survey was due April 15.
- AbilityFirst did their first Parent & Care Giver education about CMS Final Rule. Meeting was well attended.
- SVS promoted Cindy Lopez as Program Director for the L.A. office.
- Ms. White announced that her term as SPAC Chair and Committee member will end in October. Ms. Isaac has agreed to serve as the new Chair to the Committee.
- Ms. Ingram announced that LRC will put a succession planning workshop together this year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 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						
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	X	X	X	X	X	X						
S. MORENO	R	X	X	E	E	X	X						
B. MURPHY	E	X	X	E	E	X	E						
K. WEST-ISAAC	A	X	X	X	X	X	X						
I. IBANEZ	K	X	X	X	X	X	E						
K. CASTANEDA	F	X	X	X	X	X	X						
M. WHITFIELD	A	X	X	X	A	A	X						
N. HAJJAR	S	E	X	X	E	X	E						
D. PRESCOTT	T	X	X	X	X	E	X						