

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center  
Service Provider Advisory Committee  
Hosted by Villa Esperanza  
March 4, 2015  
Minutes**

**SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kelly White  
Sandy Contreras  
Bill Murphy  
Kimberly West-Isaac  
Traci Jones-Martinez  
Israel Ibanez  
Kathleen Kolenda  
Nicole Hajjar

**ABSENT**

Keri Castaneda  
Miriam Whitfield

**GUESTS**

Veronica Solano – The Jeffrey Foundation	Paula O’Sullivan – Glen Park
Gloria Leiva – The Jeffrey Foundation	Shari Hunter – Elevate Therapy
Raul Alvarez – CA Mentor	Tim Heaslip – CA Mentor
Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center	David Yim – Behavior Respite in Action
Vanessa Fung – GAMC Play to Learn Center	Vanessa Serrano – AbilityFirst
Amy Mahajan – Accent Care	Carmen Haly – Family Way AFHA
Marcy Galvez – Community Options	Daniel Kang – Elevate Therapy
Courtney Uleich – Community Options	Kae Yabuki – Seek Education
Nancy Marroquin – Behavior Respite in Action	Dr. Mary-Jo Bautista – Family Way AFHA

**STAFF**

Karen Ingram

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of February 4, 2015 were accepted as submitted.

**REPORTS**

**Board Meeting**

Ms. White reported the following:

- Ms. Julie Ocheltree, LRC Legal Counsel, reviewed and updated the duties and responsibilities of members of the Board.

- Data on Disparity and purchase of services for LRC clients was discussed.
- Several Legislative visits have been made. More meetings on behalf of providers are occurring today in Sacramento. There is strong support for the 10-5-0 campaign (10% rate increase for providers this year, 5% rate increase annually thereafter until the rate system is fixed, 0 Uniform Holiday Closure Days).
- Ms. Ingram gave a presentation on LRC's strategy to increase the number of clients working.
- A significant deficit of approximately \$200,000,000 across the board is projected. The Governor has set aside \$150,000,000 to provide relief.

### **SPAC Appointment**

Ms. Nicole Hajjar, CEO of Smile Pediatric Therapy and Diagnostics, was appointed to SPAC by the Board of Directors. Committee members gave her a warm welcome.

### **Advocacy Training**

SPAC sponsored six trainings in February. Thirty four (34) people attended, representing 20 agencies, which included speech therapists, residential providers, day programs, children and adult services.

Providers were asked to complete a work sheet stating how their business will be affected if the 10% increase for providers is not approved and to bring it to their legislators. The emphasis is getting the elected officials to insist that the rate increase be put into the budget in the May revise.

Ms. Ingram, Mr. Enrique Roman, Assistant Director, a service provider and a family member will attend Grassroots in Sacramento on April 15. The focus this year will be the 10% rate increase for service providers and regional centers as the system is at the brink of collapsing. Local visits continue to be scheduled by LRC and providers were encouraged to make their own visits. All SPAC members have volunteered to do local visits.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Work Force Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)**

WIOA is federal legislation that takes effect July 1, 2015. Clients up to the age of 24 cannot be referred to a segregated environment unless they have attempted to work and have failed. A career path will be developed for people with disabilities to provide them with better skills. Schools are getting funds to improve the work training programs they already have. On April 21, LRC is holding a meeting to discuss WIOA and how different agencies are responding. The Department of Rehab, all work programs, EDD staff, three (3) school districts and some LRC staff will be invited to participate.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **LRC Employment Strategy**

LRC has developed an employment strategy to increase the number of clients getting jobs in integrated competitive employment. This will be accomplished by having more clients

in supported employment (individual or group), doing micro-enterprises or being self-employed. LRC has over 30 years of history encouraging employment.

### **LRC Employment First Policy**

The draft of the LRC Employment First Policy was distributed to SPAC members for review. Ms. Ingram informed that the Client Advisory Committee and the Program and Services Committee were also asked to review this policy and provide feedback. All comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration and changes will be made as appropriate. The goal is to submit the draft to the Executive Committee and Board for approval at their April meeting. After discussion, the Committee members approved draft as presented.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

- LRC will be hosting three public meetings to review Disparity issues on March 9 in Spanish, March 13 in Korean and March 25 in English. Information is available on the LRC website.
- LRC is hosting a Social Security presentation on benefits on March 11 in Spanish and March 14 in English. Flyers are posted on the LRC website.
- A Federal Court determined that DDS cannot implement the uniform holiday closures and half day billing without prior approval from CMS. DDS has a week to respond a Court's decision regarding this. If DDS does not appeal, providers may again provide services on March 31, the next scheduled uniform holiday closure date.
- Senator Beall presented a Bill that will raise the revenue limits for the financial review/audit requirement. Currently, RC revenue of \$250,000-499,000 must submit a Financial Review; and RC revenue of \$500,000 or more requires an Audit. The Bill proposes to raise the limits, which will exempt smaller providers from the requirement.
- The Regional Occupational Training Centers will no longer provide DSP training for residential providers as of August/September 2015.
- Smile Pediatric Therapy is hosting an Early Start Denver Model (ESDM) workshop on April 18, 20 and 22. For more info call 323-644-9380.
- Jeffrey Foundation is hosting a Community Informational Forum on March 14.

### **2015 SPAC Meeting Locations**

- April 8 \*\*– Joint Meeting with P&S Committee @ LRC
- May 6 – Social Vocational Services, Inc. (parking \$17.00)
- June 3 – Smile Pediatric (parking \$6.00)
- July – No Meeting
- August 5 – FVO Solutions, Inc.
- September 2 – LRC – Community Meeting
- October 7 – Easter Seals/Glendale Senior Center
- November 4 – SPAC Breakfast
- December 2 – AbilityFirst/Kinneloa

\*\* Note this change in date. This is NOT the regular SPAC meeting date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am

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*Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting*  
***ATTENDANCE***

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K. WHITE, Chair	SP	X	X	X	X								
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	E	E	X	X								
S. CONTRERAS	R	X	X	X	X								
B. MURPHY	E	E	X	X	X								
K. WEST-ISAAC	A	X	X	X	X								
I. IBANEZ	K	X	X	X	X								
K. KOLENDA	F	E	X	X	X								
K. CASTANEDA*	A	X	X	X	E								
M. WHITFIELD*	S	E	X	X	E								
N. HAJJAR*	T				X								

New member\*