

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Easterseals
December 6, 2018
Minutes**

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

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Traci Jones-Martinez
Keri Castaneda
Dee Prescott
Jim Storck
Greg Sanchez
Sandy Moreno
Yvonne Nakamoto
Kyra Griffith

EXCUSED

Kimberly West-Isaac
Nicole Hajjar

GUESTS

Howard McBroom – Easterseals	Brian Nguyen – Easterseals
Christian Depaz – ACT	Bijan Beizai – In2Vision
Janet Upjohn – Cheerful Helpers	Lisa Peterson – Shield Healthcare
Nanette Cruz – ECF Venice	Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center
Kelly White – Villa Esperanza Services	Chaghig Koulajian – ACT

STAFF

Karen Ingram
Sonia Garibay

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 3, 2018 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

In the absence of Ms. West-Isaac Ms. Ingram reported the following:

- LRC received the Social Justice Award from Esperanza Community Housing. Esperanza Community Housing conducts the Center's Promotora Program and has been mentoring an agency that is expanding the program into the Korean community.
- LRC hosted five meetings to discuss the Alternative Staffing Model and has received many letters of support and one letter of opposition to the proposed plan. The Board moved to accept the Alternative Staffing Model and submit it to DDS.
- The Board discussed LRC's Plan of Correction for being out of compliance with caseload ratios.

- There was discussion regarding Legislative Visits. Ms. Ingram shared that the So Cal Directors met with provider groups to do a strategy to promote an 8% rate increase for providers. There are newly elected officials and LRC will be working with provider groups to do local advocacy; volunteers will be recruited.
- Ms. West-Isaac reported on the Service Provider breakfast.

Legislative Advocacy

Ms. Prescott shared that ARCA staff Daniel Savino did a good training on legislative advocacy. Easterseals hired Howard McBroom as their advocate, and to teach others how to advocate for themselves. Easterseals is working with regional centers and other providers to focus on an 8% increase for providers and the effects of local minimum wages. Ms. Prescott noted that the 8% would be ongoing and not a one-time only adjustment. Easterseals celebrates 100 years of service in 2019, so they are planning on doing 100 touches of advocacy in the next year. Mr. McBroom will attend as many legislative visits as possible.

CMS Final Rule Update

Ms. Garibay informed that the Day Programs met on November 16. The children's programs will be meeting on January 25 at Holding Hands at 10:00 am. Ms. Garibay will confirm if the meeting will be held at their Burbank office.

Transition Grants Update

Ms. Garibay informed that the transition grants application process has started, the applications are available on line. Applications are due to Ms. Garibay by December 14, which gives her time to review before they are submitted to DDS by January 18, 2019. DDS will announce who is receiving the Transition Grants around March 15, 2019. The application process consists of a self-evaluation where service providers will identify where they are out of compliance with the HCBS requirement and describe how they are planning to come into compliance, and then develop a budget and a timeline. DDS wants to know how service providers will sustain the change going forward once those funds are no longer available to them.

OLD BUSINESS

SP Breakfast Update

Ms. Moreno reported that the breakfast was a success and thanked everyone who helped with preparation and contributions. Because this year's registration was beyond expectation with 285 RSVPs and with many people unable to attend due to space limitations, there is a possibility that this event will be moved to a larger venue. Ms. Moreno informed that the keynote speaker is already booked for the next breakfast on November 6, 2019. She'll share more details at a later time. The Expense Report was distributed to committee members.

Person Centered Planning Training

Ms. Garibay shared that LRC had two Person Centered Planning trainings for service providers in November. Ms. Amanda Navarrette from Easterseals was the trainer. Trainings were well received; a total of about 75 people attended both trainings. All LRC teams have received this same training. Other trainings may be scheduled in 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Review 2018 SPAC Goals

All goals were successfully met.

2019 SPAC Goals

- Host the Service Provider breakfast (Subcommittee: Ms. Nakamoto, Ms. Jones-Martinez, Ms. Moreno and Ms. Hajjar).
- Host a Vendor Fair for adult services (Subcommittee: Ms. Griffith, Ms. Moreno, Ms. Peterson, Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Storck).
- Host the annual Community Meeting.
- Host a Legislative Advocacy training to educate providers (Subcommittee: Ms. Moreno, Ms. Griffith, Ms. Prescott, Ms. White and Ms. West-Isaac).

2019 Meeting Locations

Easterseals Glendale will graciously continue hosting the monthly SPAC meetings. Snacks will be provided as follows:

- January 2 – NO MEETING
- February 6 – AbilityFirst
- March 6 – HomeInstead Senior Care
- April 3 – Total Education Solutions
- May 1 – TLC Speech Therapy
- June 5 – The Campbell Center
- July 3 – NO MEETING
- August 7 – Smile + Wonder
- September – LRC Community Meeting – no refreshments needed
- October 2 – Adventist Health Glendale
- November 6 – SPAC Breakfast
- December 4 – CalWes Homes

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Providers were encouraged to visit the “Network of Care” website to make sure their information is up to date.
- The Burns & Associates Provider Rate Study results will be presented to the Legislature in March 2019.
- Ms. Ingram shared information from Pacific Gateway Workforce Partnerships. They are trying to find an alternative to elevate California’s irregular workforce. Ms. Ingram will forward the e-mail to committee members for review. Please let her know if you would like a presentation at a future SPAC meeting.
- Tom Pomeranz training, “A Picture is Worth 1000 Words”, is scheduled for December 17 at the L.A. Cathedral. Providers were encouraged to register soon as space is limited.
- The Campbell Center is hosting a Winter Wonderland Christmas Faire and Gallery Art on December 8 from 6 – 9 PM at the Campbell Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

2017-2018	N O V 18	D E C 18	J A N 19	F E B 19	M A R 19	A P R 19	M A Y 19	J U N 19	J U L 19	A U G 19	S E P 19	O C T 19	T O T A L
K. WEST-ISAAC - Chair	SP	E	N						N				
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	X	O						O				
S. MORENO	R	X											
K. CASTANEDA	E	X	M						M				
N. HAJJAR	A	E	E						E				
D. PRESCOTT	K	X	E						E				
J. STORCK	F	X	T						T				
Y. NAKAMOTO	A	X	I						I				
G. SANCHEZ* Seated 8/18	S	X	N						N				
K. GRIFFITH* Seated 11/18	T	X	G						G				

* New Member