Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM and introductions were made.

**SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT**
Kimberly West-Isaac
Nicole Hajjar
Keri Castaneda
Dee Prescott
Jim Storck
Greg Sanchez
Sandy Moreno
Yvonne Nakamoto
Kyra Griffith

**EXCUSED**
Traci Jones-Martinez

**GUESTS**
See attachment

**STAFF**
Karen Ingram

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The minutes of December 6, 2018 were accepted as submitted.

**REPORTS**

**Board Meeting**
Ms. Ingram reported the following:
- Ms. Sonia Garibay, Community Services QA Manager and point person for the HCBS did a presentation on Home & Community Based Services and Transition Grants.
- DDS approved the LRC Respite and ILS Service Standards.
- The new Governor’s budget included funds for:
  - The January 1, 2019 State minimum wage increase.
  - Projected case growth
  - Additional monitoring of specialized residential homes.
  - Enhanced Behavioral Services and Crisis Homes
- Holiday closures are back in the budget effective July 1, 2019.
**CMS Final Rule Update**
Ms. Ingram reported that the children’s services group met in January and most providers feel confident about the transition process. The next meeting will be in April at Holding Hands in Burbank. Residential and day program groups are scheduled to meet in March, dates are TBD. Ms. Ingram shared that LRC is keeping track of attendance to these meetings.

Providers were reminded that once CMS Final Rule becomes final, LRC will not be allowed to pay for services that are provided in settings that don’t meet the Home & Community Based Services settings requirements.

**Transition Grants Update**
Ms. Ingram reported that during FY16/17, LRC received about 10 applications for transition grant monies, 3 providers were funded. These providers have used the funds to complete trainings and make the changes that they were required to use the funds for.

For FY17/18, LRC received 6 requests for transition grant money, 3 were funded. DDS emphasized training and awarded funds for this purpose.

For FY18/19 LRC received 3 requests for transition grants, 2 of them from previous recipients. DDS will review applications and announce their decision in March.

**OLD BUSINESS**
**SP Breakfast Update**
Ms. Isaac informed that a speaker has been secured. Subcommittee will look into a larger venue for this event as attendance has increased significantly in the past few years. More information will be shared at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**
**Managing the Challenging Employee**
Ms. Ingram shared that the new Tom Pomeranz training called “Managing the Challenging Employee -The Underground” has been proposed and asked providers if they were interested in attending. The response was favorable so Dr. Pomeranz will be contacted to schedule the training. An informational flyer about this training was included in the SPAC packet.

**UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**
- Ms. Ingram reminded providers that the deadline to submit requests for minimum wage rate adjustments is March 1, 2019.
- Ms. Ingram encouraged providers to talk to their local officials to express their opposition to the mandated closure days.
- Ms. Castaneda was added to the Legislative Advocacy Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM

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After SPAC Mr. Daniel Savino from ARCA did a Legislative Advocacy Training for service providers and LRC staff.

**Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE**

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