

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
February 5, 2020
Minutes**

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

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kimberly West-Isaac
Traci Jones-Martinez
Keri Castaneda
Jim Storck
Yvonne Nakamoto
Greg Sanchez
Kyra Griffith
Kelly White
Dee Prescott

EXCUSED

Nicole Hajjar

GUESTS

Bryan Chacon – Maxim Healthcare	Nancy Niebrugge – The Campbell Center
Christian De Paz – ACT	Adriana Nunez – Life Steps
Brian Nguyen – Easterseals	Lisa Peterson – Shield Healthcare
Robert Turner – Life Steps	Chaghig Koulajian – ACT
Beatrice Diaz – In2Vision	Azniv Tonoyan – In2Vision
Kevin Wright – Inclusion Services	Allan Baca – Inclusion Services
Edward Parker – BCR	Michaelann Gabriele – Center For Dev Kids
Charlotte McRoy – P Carehome	

STAFF

Karen Ingram
Sonia Garibay
Christian Irigoyen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 4, 2019 were accepted as submitted.

Public Comments

No public comments.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. Isaac reported the following:

- As part of the Disparity Project, 10-12 informational videos will be developed to help parents learn about the Center and how to access services. The respite video was shown. The videos will be posted on the Lanterman website as they become available and will be in English and Spanish for now, but translations into other languages may be available in the future.
- 20/21 Proposed budget highlights were discussed.
- A Rate Study update was shared.
- \$600,000 in FY 2019/20 CPP funds was awarded to Brilliant Corners to develop a home for young adults.
- HOPE is purchasing a six unit apartment building in Pasadena for LRC clients living independently. The Board agreed to use some FDLRC Development Funds for the project.

Breakfast Committee

Ms. Jones-Martinez reported that the breakfast will be held at the Luminarias Restaurant again. Ms. Maureen Wilson will start working on the contract. Two potential speakers will be contacted to check their availability. Other suggestions for speakers should be sent to Ms. Jones-Martinez.

Vendor Fair Committee

No report.

Provider Training

Ms. Prescott asked providers for potential topics for the next Provider Training. Providers suggested the following:

- Succession Planning
- HIPAA
- HR
- Residential Staffing
- HCBS new requirements for residential settings

Any suggestions/ideas should be sent to Ms. Prescott.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Activities

Ms. White shared that Assemblyman Holden authored AB 2024 which would authorize a 3.33% rate increase for providers when the local minimum wage increases. LRC Board is being asked to support this Bill.

HCBS Updates

Ms. Garibay shared that on January 27 DDS sent an e-mail to all providers which included a log-in password to access the Self-Assessment Tool. Some providers reported that they did not receive the email. The providers that did not receive the e-mail should first confirm that no one at their agency received the email, then contact Ms. Garibay.

Ms. Garibay informed that OIG/DDS is having an HCBS webinar on the Self-Assessment on February 13 from 12:00pm – 4:00pm and on February 14 from 9:00am – 1:00pm. Providers will have the option to attend the training in person or do the webinar. Self-Assessments are due March 31, 2020. Informational flyers, the survey and a list of the service codes affected were distributed. Providers were strongly encouraged to complete the assessment.

SB 81 Updates

Ms. Ingram shared that SB 81 is not a Trailer Bill but a Senate Bill that includes a rate adjustment as well as other provisions. Ms. Ingram shared that January invoices were posted last week and include the rate increase. Providers were advised to contact Ms. Ingram if they think their rates are not accurate.

Rate Study

Ms. Ingram informed that comments from the Burns & Associates rate study have been posted on the DDS website. More information on the Rate Study will follow.

New Bills

Ms. Ingram introduced new Bills that went into effect January 1, 2020

- AB 5 – new definition of independent contractors
- SB 142 – lactation rooms must be provided close to the workstation and can't be in bathrooms
- SB 188 – expands “race” discrimination to include hair texture and protective hairstyles (including braids, locks and twists)
- SB 1004 – Development Screenings may be provided by EPSDT

Minimum Wage Increases

Ms. Ingram informed that the state minimum wage rate increased January 1, 2020. Rate increase adjustments requests are due to DDS or LRC as appropriate on March 1, 2020 @ 4:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Highlights

Ms. Ingram reported the following:

- The Governor proposed a rate increase for services that did not receive the 1/1/20 rate increase (early intervention, ILS and infant development programs).
- Uniform Holiday Closures will sunset June 30, 2023.
- The Governor is proposing 78 million dollars to be allocated for a performance incentive program.
- DDS has opened a new office in Southern California that will house 100 employees.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Ms. White – Mijara's Restaurant will donate 20% of your dine-in or take-out tab on February 13 to Villa Esperanza Services.
- Ms. Castaneda – Project Search program serving adults started 2/4/20 at the Kaiser Administrative offices in Pasadena.
- Mr. Bryan Chacon – Service providers will be required to be certified Medi-Cal providers in order to continue working with regional centers. More information to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 AM

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ATTENDANCE

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K. WEST-ISAAC - Chair	SP	X	N	X					N				
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	X	O	X					O				
K. CASTANEDA	R	X	M	X									
N. HAJJAR	E	X	E	E					M				
D. PRESCOTT	A	E	E	X					E				
J. STORCK	K	X	T	X					E				
Y. NAKAMOTO	F	X	I	X					T				
G. SANCHEZ	A	X	N	X					I				
K. GRIFFITH	S	X	G	X					N				
K. WHITE	T	X		X					G				