

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Easterseals
June 7, 2019
Minutes**

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

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

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

EXCUSED

Nicole Hajjar

GUESTS

Hal Kirklin – 123 Home Care	April Godales – 123 Home Care
Christian Depaz – ACT	Chaghig Koulajian – ACT
Bryon Chacon – Maxim Healthcare	Brian Nguyen – Easterseals
Frederick Cichy – Maxim Healthcare	Jill Craven – Easterseals
Janet Upjohn – Cheerful Helpers	Claudia Sandoval – The Campbell Center
Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center	Lorena Garcia – Etta
Shanna Hart – AbilityFirst	Phillip West – AbilityFirst
Azniv Tonoyan – In2Vision	

STAFF

Karen Ingram

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 1, 2019 were accepted as submitted.

Public Comments

None

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. Ingram reported the following:

- The Administrative Report was presented by the Clinical Services Unit. Dr. Jean Johnson, Clinical Specialist, presented on the California Planning Team for Autism and Information Network (CAPTAIN). CAPTAIN works statewide with Autism groups on best practices.
- Mr. Patrick Aulicino gave a report on the budget and the May Revise.
- The line of credit with City National Bank was approved.
- The Nominating Committee announced the slate of new and returning Board members and the proposed slate of offices. Elections will be held at the June 24 meeting of the Board.

Breakfast Committee

Ms. Jones-Martinez gave an update on the breakfast planning. The subcommittee will meet after today's SPAC meeting. Autumn Cottage will again donate the center pieces.

Training/Vendor Fair Committee

Mr. Sanchez informed that there are no additional updates to his previous report. He noted that passport-type cards will be used to ensure that service coordinators engage with the providers, a LRC client will part of the panel, and invitations for the vendor fair will be mailed to providers in July.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Activity

Members and guests shared that they have conducted visits and sent letters to Legislators regarding the 19/20 budget and the 8% rate increase. Concerns regarding the rate study and the need to have a system that allows for rates to change as costs increase were shared with the group.

HCBS Updates

No updates.

Transition Grants

Ms. Ingram shared that the FY 2016-17 projects are closed and the FY 2017/18 projects are almost completed. She informed that the FY 2018/19 recipients of the Transition grants are ECF Art Program (wheelchair accessible vehicle) and Lutheran Social Services/Avanti (a vehicle and trainings for staff, clients and families). Contracts will be signed by the end of June.

SPAC Vacancy

Ms. Isaac informed that two candidates have submitted their applications to join the committee. Ms. Isaac and Ms. Ingram will meet with the applicants. The committee was reminded that recommendations are made to the Board Nominating Committee, and if they agree the Board will be asked to make the appointment.

2019/20 CRDP Input

Ms. Ingram reported that responses were received from 132 individuals for 2019/20 CRDP input. The majority of requests were for recreational services, followed by Behavior Management services in Spanish. LRC will request funds to develop a program that will build community for clients using social skills development, art, dance, theater and music. If approved, the program would be developed in the L.A area and services would be provided in Spanish.

LRC will also request funds to develop 1) 3 homes for young adults, 2) specialized day services for clients with drug addiction, and 3) several million dollars for multi-family housing.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Ms. Griffith shared that it's very important to spread the word about how important and crucial services are for kids from birth - 3 years old to avoid developmental delays in the future.
- Ms. Castaneda shared that AbilityFirst is hosting their AbilityFest event on July 13 from 8am – 2:30pm at the L.A. State Historic Park. This event is to celebrate inclusion and disabilities, and is open to all ages with free admission.
- Ms. Prescott shared that the CalFresh program was introduced on May 21. CalFresh is funded by the State and is now available to SSI recipients to help them get fresh produce. LRC will host a meeting with ILS and SLS providers to inform them about the program, and to ask them to assist their clients in signing up. Unfortunately clients who receive SSI benefits but live in licensed homes are not eligible for this program.
- Ms. Ingram shared that a provider relinquished 4 homes last month. Fortunately, another provider was found to take over the homes. This is the benefit of homes being owned by Non-Profit Housing Organizations.
- CalAble is a savings account where people with disabilities can save up to \$100,000 without affecting their benefits. All States offer Able accounts so people should shop around to see which program offers the best terms. CalAble is presenting at LRC's housing fair on October 19, 2019.
- Ms. Ingram reminded everyone that Tom Pomeranz will conduct a training on July 12 re: supervising challenging staff.
- No meeting in July.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM

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ATTENDANCE

2018-2019	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	X	E	X	X	X	N				
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	X	O	E	E	E	X	X	O				
S. MORENO**	R	X		X	E	X							
K. CASTANEDA	E	X	M	X	E	E	X	X	M				
N. HAJJAR	A	E	E	X	X	E	X	E	E				
D. PRESCOTT	K	X	E	X	X	X	E	X	E				
J. STORCK	F	X	T	X	X	X	E	X	T				
Y. NAKAMOTO	A	X	I	X	X	X	X	X	I				
G. SANCHEZ	S	X	N	X	X	X	X	X	N				
K. GRIFFITH	T	X	G	X	X	X	X	X	G				
VACANT													

**Resigned April 2019