

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Easterseals & TLC Speech Therapy
May 1, 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
Nicole Hajjar

EXCUSED

Dee Prescott
Jim Storck

GUESTS

Kelly White – Villa Esperanza
Frederick Cicky – Maxim Healthcare
Nicole Mackey – AbilityFirst
Shanna Hart – AbilityFirst
Janet Upjohn – Cheerful Helpers
Lisa Peterson – Shield Healthcare

Sam Anuakpado – LSS/Avanti
Bryan Chacon – Maxim Healthcare
Brian Nguyen – Easterseals
Arineh Boghosian – The Campbell Center
Guadalupe Hernandez – Maxim Healthcare

STAFF

Karen Ingram
Sonia Garibay

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 3, 2019 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. Isaac reported the following:

- There was a presentation from the Grassroots Day participants.
- Administrative Report was presented by Aurora Gomez, Revenue Manager.
- A contract for a new CPP home was approved.

Breakfast Committee

Ms. Jones-Martinez reported that the Service Provider Breakfast scheduled for November 6 this year will take place at the Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park. Ms. Jones-Martinez will contact Mr. Storck to verify if he will be providing the center pieces. The sub-committee welcomes suggestions as to how donated prizes should be distributed.

Training/Vendor Fair Committee

Mr. Sanchez reported that the Vendor Fair for adult services is scheduled for September 12, 2nd Floor at the Regional Center from 9:30 – 11:30 AM. The goal of this fair is to emphasize services for the adult client continuum of care. A panel will provide information to Service Coordinators from the on-going units. The Kahoot game app will be used and a limited number of providers will have tables set up for a vendor fair before and after the training.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Activity

Ms. Isaac informed that there are hearings scheduled for May 2 and May 9 in Sacramento. The Uniform Holiday Closure and the half day billing will be discussed at the May 2 hearing and the Rate Study and the 8% down payment will be discussed at the May 9 hearing. Service providers were encouraged to attend.

Provider Rate Study

Ms. Ingram shared that there are no updates on the Provider Rate Study.

HCBS Updates

Ms. Garibay reported that DDS hired PCG to do outreach to service providers regarding HCBS. She also reported the following:

- DDS will send the Self-Assessment Tool electronically to service providers late this year. Service providers will return the Self-Assessment Tool to the State directly.
- Webinars for families will be held from September 2019 thru June 2020.
- On-site assessments for programs will be conducted June 2020 thru March 2021; clients will also be interviewed.
- Transition funds (15 million dollars) for FY 2019-20 will be available statewide.
- Next CMSFR meeting for Day Programs is June 14 at BCR from 10:00 -11:30AM
- Next CMSFR meeting for Children Programs is August 23 at BCR from 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Transition Grants

Ms. Garibay informed that Transition Grants for FY 2018-19 have not been announced yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Grassroots Update

Ms. Jones-Martinez reported on the activities during Grassroots Day in Sacramento.

2019/20 CRDP Input

Ms. Ingram informed that DDS released the 2019/20 CPP/CRDP (Community Placement Plan/Community Resource Development Plan) documents. Requests for CPP/CRDP funds are due to DDS June 10. Ms. Ingram requested input from service providers as to what services/resources are needed for clients

The following suggestions were made:

- Affordable housing
- Behavioral assessments for persons in SNFs to determine what triggers their behaviors
- Supportive housing for clients with medical conditions and behavioral challenges.
- Day services for adults
- Psychiatric Services
- Cognitive Therapy, specialized to handle people with developmental/intellectual disabilities
- Programs for teens that promote independence and employment
- Funds to train/educate SNF staff on how to handle clients with behaviors
- Training for after school programs re: how to work with our clients so they'll take them
- Programs for older teens and young adults from 2pm – 6pm

Additional ideas/suggestions should be sent to Ms. Ingram by May 10.

SPAC Vacancy

Ms. Isaac informed that there is a vacancy on the Committee. Potential candidates must be in the LRC catchment area. Interested parties should contact Ms. Ingram or Ms. Isaac.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Mr. Sanchez shared that AB1382 which evaluates future health care providers in California has been introduced.
- Ms. Ingram shared that CMS has approved CA's Bridge Funding request which will make about \$40million available. She explained that providers with DDS set rates in "high cost" areas will receive 2.1% increase for one year only.
- Ms. Castaneda shared that AbilityFirst is hosting the AbilityFest event on July 13 to celebrate inclusion and disabilities at the L.A. State Historic Park. This event is open to all ages.
- Ms. Ingram shared that Tom Pomeranz will conduct a training on July 12 re: supervising challenging staff.
- Mr. Chacon shared that there will be a Transition Parent Resource Fair on May 2 at the Alfonso Perez Career and Transition Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
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		N				
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	X	O	E	E	E	X		O				
S. MORENO**	R	X		X	E	X							
K. CASTANEDA	E	X	M	X	E	E	X		M				
N. HAJJAR	A	E	E	X	X	E	X		E				
D. PRESCOTT	K	X	E	X	X	X	E		E				
J. STORCK	F	X	T	X	X	X	E		T				
Y. NAKAMOTO	A	X	I	X	X	X	X		I				
G. SANCHEZ	S	X	N	X	X	X	X		N				
K. GRIFFITH	T	X	G	X	X	X	X		G				
VACANT													

**Resigned April 2019