

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Easterseals/Home Instead Senior Care
October 3, 2018
Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM and introductions were made.

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kimberly West-Isaac
Traci Jones-Martinez
Keri Castaneda
Dee Prescott
Jim Storck
Greg Sanchez
Sandy Moreno
Yvonne Nakamoto
Nicole Hajjar
Israel Ibanez

GUESTS

Mike Michaelian – ACT	Christian Depaz – ACT
Chaghig Kaulajian – ACT	Elsa Vasquez – ECF
Janet Upjohn – Cheerful Helpers	Brian Nguyen – Easterseals
Rachel Saucedo – Easterseals	Lisa Peterson – Shield Healthcare
Kelly White – Villa Esperanza Services	Jack Darakjian – Modern Support Services
Elinor Szekunda – ECF	Brian Chacon – Maxim Healthcare

STAFF

Sonia Garibay

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 5, 2018 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. Isaac reported that the Board hosted the final Community Meeting; LRC presented the Alternative Staffing Model Plan and the Performance Plan.

LRC will resubmit the Alternative Staffing Model Plan to DDS for approval.

Legislative Advocacy

Ms. Isaac reported that on September 13, 2018 a meeting was held with the Lanterman Coalition, Regional Center Directors and Vendor Advisory Chairs. They discussed what needs to be done about the issues with staffing, wages, rates and all issues that are affecting service providers.

The group agreed that somethings need to change in the system as eliminating median rates, eliminating rate freezes, raising the minimum wage to attract more qualified work

force and determine what the bottom line wage should be for people working in this industry.

Each regional center director has identified the number of clients they have, the size of their workforce and the number of service providers they have to be able to recognize the population that will be affected.

The rate study is due in March 2019 and because it will take some time to get the results, some providers expressed that they can't wait that long for an increase, so an 8% increase across the board for every service code was proposed during the interim. The consensus is that providers can't rely on the rate study results. Service providers were encouraged to continue visiting their legislators.

CMS Final Rule

Ms. Garibay informed FY 2018-19 will have transition funding again to help providers meet the HCBS requirements. The application period has not opened yet; there's no additional information available at this time.

Ms. Garibay shared that the providers that received funding from last FY are making progress doing their trainings; they already started sending their billing to the regional center for reimbursement.

OLD BUSINESS

SP Breakfast Update

Ms. Moreno reminded the group that the SP breakfast is scheduled for November 7, 2018 at the La Canada Flintridge Country Club, starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 11:30 AM. Committee members were asked to arrive at 8:00 AM to help set up for the event. Goodie bags will not be provided this year; providers were encouraged to bring gift baskets, gift cards and bottles of wine to be raffled. Ms. Lisa Brauer, the note speaker, will be presenting on "Caring for Yourself and Others". Ms. Moreno encouraged providers to show their appreciation to their staff by registering as many as possible to attend.

She reminded the group to send in their RSVPs before the deadline and also that only providers that register 10 staff will have a table reserved. Autumn Cottage will donate the table center pieces. To date, 68 RSVPs have been received.

Ms. Hajjar asked if it was possible for the regional center to recognize the staff attending with a personalized note thanking them for their service to clients. Ms. Garibay informed the group that the breakfast is for the service providers to thank their staff for their service. Ms. Garibay and Ms. Moreno will discuss this request with Ms. Ingram to see if that's possible.

HIPAA, Cyber Security, Social Media Training

Ms. Prescott shared that flyers have been distributed for the training on October 9, 2018 at the regional center, on the 2nd floor. Currently 30 providers are registered to attend and 7 insurance brokers have registered to have a table with information.

CPP/CRDP Update

Ms. Garibay shared that there is no update on the CPP/CRDP as DDS has not yet responded about what services will be funded.

NEW BUSINESS

Person Centered Planning Training

Ms. Garibay reported that there will be a training on Person Centered Planning training for service providers on November 13 from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM and on November 29 from 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM both trainings will be held at the regional center. CCL CEUs will be awarded. The national speaker and Easter Seals training consultant, Amber Carey-Navarrete, will be presenting. To register sign up through the ArcaLean or call Sara Zurita at 213- 252-4976 in the Training & Development department, admission is free.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Mr. Sanchez asked if there could be a vendor fair for adult services since a vendor fair for children services took place recently. This could be included as a goal for the 2019 SPAC goals list.
- Ms. Jones-Martinez shared that AB 2423 was signed by Governor Brown last week. This bill provides direct access to PT services for children with IFSPs and IEPs.
- Ms. Garibay informed that on December 17, 2018 there will be a Tom Pomeranz training at the L.A. Cathedral. The training is titled “A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words”; this is a follow up from the training “Why Don’t We See It?”
- Ms. Garibay reminded Early Intervention providers with service codes 115 and 116 to complete the rate survey; the survey is due October 12, 2018.
- Ms. Prescott reminded the group that October 18, 2018 is the “Shake Out” day and encouraged everyone to participate.
- Mr. Sanchez shared that USC Geriatric School is having a symposium on Friday October 5, there are still openings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM

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ATTENDANCE

2017-2018	N O V 17	D E C 17	J A N 18	F E B 18	M A R 18	A P R 18	M A Y 18	J U N 18	J U L 18	A U G 18	S E P 18	O C T 18	T O T A L
K. WEST-ISAAC - Chair	SP	X	N	X	X	X	X	X	N	X	X	X	9
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	9
S. MORENO	R	X		X	X	X	X	X		E	X	X	8
I. IBANEZ	E	E	M	X	X	X	X	E	M	X	E	X	6
K. CASTANEDA	A	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	9
N. HAJJAR	K	X	E	X	X	E	X	X	E	E	E	X	6
D. PRESCOTT	F	X	T	X	X	X	E	X	T	X	X	X	8
J. STORCK	A	X	I	X	X	E	X	X	I	X	X	X	8
Y. NAKAMOTO	S	E	N	X	X	X	X	X	N	E	X	X	7
G. SANCHEZ* Seated 8/18	T		G						G	X	X	X	3

* New Member