SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT
Kelly White
Bill Murphy
Isis McDonald
Traci Jones-Martinez
Emily Lloyd
Oscar Carvajal
Shelby Forn
Sandy Doughty

EXCUSED
Kimberly West-Isaac

GUESTS
Noey Garcia – In2Vision
Frankie Diamond – Atwater Park Center
Jeff Poitras – Maxim Healthcare
Keri Castaneda – AbilityFirst
Bernadette Manalo-Lew – NBC/Ardmore Guest Home
Blake Tholmer – CITY Community Services
Heather Flores – CITY Community Services
Luis Robles – MDH SLS – ILS
Wanda Collins – Averhart & Collins Inc
Israel Ibanez – Inclusion Services
Danny Lopez – Inclusion Services
Janet Schilling – Every Child Achieves
Kyra Griffith – TLC Speech Therapy Clinic
Maurilia Aguilar – Progressive Behavioral Therapy
Lydia Goosens – Easter Seals
Damion Lee – Villa Esperanza
Kathleen Colenda – Easter Seals

STAFF
Karen Ingram

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes of August 1, 2012 were accepted as submitted.
REPORTS
Board Meeting
Ms. White reported the following:
- Judy Enright, LRC legal counsel, reviewed the duties and responsibilities of Board members, as well as conflict of interest and new laws.
- “The Way Forward” survey had a good response. The next step will be to hold small focus groups with people from different areas and then distribute the results to the community. Overall, providers, clients and families felt that the regional center system works very well, even though the entitlement is currently threatened.
- Part of the 69 million dollar savings for the Autism Insurance Bill requires families to use their insurance to pay for ABA services. LRC currently has 170 families with health insurance with a child receiving ABA services.
- The Board did a self assessment evaluation and is also evaluating the Executive Director.

Strategic Planning Committee
Mr. Murphy shared that the committee discussed the LRC Performance Contract and other information that will be presented at the upcoming community meetings.

OLD BUSINESS
SPAC Breakfast
Breakfast Committee Chair Sandy Doughty noted that John Hall, author, businessman, parent of a child with autism and a person with autism himself will be the speaker. Ms. Doughty encouraged providers to register early as the first 160 to do so will receive a signed copy of Mr. Hall’s book. Invitations will be mailed next week. Providers were also encouraged to donate gift cards or gift baskets to be raffled, and to attach their business card to their donation to receive acknowledgement. Goodie bag assembly will take place at Villa Esperanza after the October SPAC meeting. Optima Family Services donated the tote bags and Ability First will donate the center pieces for the tables. Only groups of 10+ will get table reservations. Cost is $20 per person. SPAC members were asked to arrive at Brookside at 8:00am to help with the set up, as registration will start at 8:45.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS
Ms. McDonald introduced Keri Castaneda, new Chief Program Officer at AbilityFirst.

UPCOMING MEETING SITES FOR 2012
October 3 – Villa Esperanza, Pasadena
November 7 – Annual Breakfast
December 5 – TBD

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am
## Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting

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