

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Easter Seals
October 1, 2014
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kelly White
Traci Jones-Martinez
Sandy Contreras
Kathleen Kolenda
Israel Ibanez
Bill Murphy
Kimberly West-Isaac
Isis McDonald

GUESTS

Ramanita Runtu – ABLE
Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center
Grace Chang – Seek Education
Paula O'Sullivan – Glen Park
Keri Castaneda – AbilityFirst
Michuan Flemming – FVO Solutions
Cynthia Martinez – Easter Seals
Sherry Dos Santos – Easter Seals
Sheri Glendenning – ABLE
Alfredo Diaz – Seek Education
Chris Otero – AbilityFirst
Craig Holliman – Easter Seals
Lydia Goossens – Easter Seals
Oscar Carvajal – Optima Family Services
Fredlyn Berger – Every Child Achieves
Gloria Leiva – Jeffrey Foundation

STAFF

Karen Ingram

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 3, 2014 were approved as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. White reported the following:

- Mr. Enrique Roman was welcomed as the new Associate Director. The Assistant Director of C&F Services position is now vacant.

- The Senate Human Services Committee will be holding a public hearing from 1:30-3:30 at the LA City Hall on October 9. This hearing will focus on the impact of rate reductions on services. There will be three panels that will address the challenges of the budget cuts and the impact on the system as a whole. ARCA will be participating on a panel. Providers were strongly encouraged to attend.
- Ms. Sullivan gave a presentation to the Board on the CMS Final Rule and Self-Determination.
- There was a discussion on the Trailer Bill language, including the Early Start services starting January 1, 2015. LRC has started helping families with the process.

LDC Closure

To date, there are only two LRC clients remaining at the LDC. The homes developed for these clients will be ready in the next couple of weeks. Closure is on target.

OT/PT/ST Meeting

All early start therapists were invited to this meeting. Ms. Ingram gave a general overview of Title 17 and what the requirements are for these services. Some vendor audits have been completed; findings included: overbilling, billing for services not provided, billing for independent services when services were provided as a group. The Early Intervention team has agreed to arrange OT/PT/ST meetings twice a year for early intervention providers.

OLD BUSINESS

SPAC Breakfast

All is arranged for this event. Invitations have gone out; some RSVPs have been received. SPAC members were reminded to send their RSVPs timely. Committee members were reminded again to bring items for the raffle.

Minimum Wage

The DDS survey to estimate the impact of minimum wage adjustments has been completed by Lanterman. Not many requests were received, but when the minimum wage goes to \$10.00/hr more requests for rate adjustments are expected.

NEW BUSINESS

CMS Final Rule

Ms. Ingram gave a presentation on the CMS Final Rule. The CMS Rule was published in January 2014 but became effective on March 17. The intent of the rule is to make sure that individuals receiving long term services have full access to the benefits of community living and the opportunity to receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate.

Self Determination

Ms. Ingram gave a presentation on Self Determination. The plan is still waiting for CMS approval. This is a voluntary program that is designed to give adult clients or families control over their budget and services. The State has to apply to CMS by December 31, 2014; it will be phased in over three years. There will be 2,500 clients participating in the initial implementation phase, 74 slots will be for LRC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- The Campbell Center (AKA GAR Services) will be hosting a “Special Needs Trust” seminar today at 6:00 pm, attendance is free. Contact Sandy Contreras for more information. Providers were asked to educate families on the importance of learning more about special needs trusts.
- The State Capital Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony is looking for ornaments, providers interested in participating should contact Ms. Ingram.
- Information about the impact on kids taken out of the Early Start program (7,000 statewide) is available at the Family Resource Center.
- On October 8 the task force under Secretary Diane Dooley will reconvene to go over the rate methodology. Villa Esperanza and other non-profit organizations have sent letters to request the task force to review again an immediate 10% increase for programs.

MEETING SITES FOR 2014

November 5 – SPAC Breakfast, La Canada-Flintridge Country Club
 December 3 – Villa Esperanza

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am

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ATTENDANCE

2013-2014	N O V 13	D E C 13	J A N 14	F E B 14	M A R 14	A P R 14	M A Y 14	J U N 14	J U L 14	A U G 14	S E P 14	O C T 14	T O T A L
K. WHITE, Chair	SP	X	N	X	X	E	X	X	X	N	E	X	7
I. McDONALD	B	X	O	E	X	X	X	X	E	O	E	X	6
T. JONES MARTINEZ	R	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	9
S. CONTRERAS	E	X	M	X	E	X	X	X	X	M	X	X	8
B. MURPHY	A	X	E	X	X	X	E	E	X	E	X	X	7
K. WEST-ISAAC	K	X	E	X	X	E	E	E	X	E	X	X	6
I. IBANEZ	F	X	T	X	X	X	X	X	X	T	X	X	9
K. KOLENDA	A	X	I	X	E	X	X	X	X	I	X	X	8
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