SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT
Traci Jones-Martinez
Sandy Contreras
Kathleen Kolenda
Israel Ibanez
Bill Murphy
Kimberly West-Isaac

ABSENT
Kelly White
Isis McDonald

GUESTS
Ramanita Runtu – ABLE
Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center
Kae Yabuki – Seek Education
Gustavo Palomares – SVS
Paula O’Sullivan – Glen Park
Keri Castaneda – AbilityFirst
Jose Meraz – In2Vision

STAFF
Karen Ingram

Mr. Israel Ibanez called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes of July 9, 2014 were approved as submitted.

REPORTS
Board Meeting
In Ms. Kelly White’s absence, Ms. Karen Ingram reported the following:
• This was Ms. Melinda Sullivan’s first official Board meeting as the LRC Executive Director. She gave a presentation on the CMS Final Rule. This presentation will be shared at the October SPAC meeting.
• Ms. Sullivan reported that ARCA is doing a strategic plan focusing on funding and sustainability for the system.
• Ms. Sullivan reported that the Promotora program is doing very well and the fifty (50) families participating are benefiting.
• FDLRC received its first allocation for FY14/15.
• Autism Services as a Medi-Cal benefit has been approved and dental services have been restored.
• Thirty two (32) clients still remain at LDC, four (4) of them are Lanterman clients. LDC will meet the December 31 deadline for closure.
• Special Olympics World Games will be held at various sites in southern California July 25 – August 2, 2015. They are encouraging people to watch and fill the stands.

OLD BUSINESS

SPAC Breakfast
All is arranged for this event. Committee members were reminded that the goodie bags will be assembled immediately after the October 1 SPAC meeting. Committee members were encouraged to donate items for the bags and gift cards for the raffle. Easter Seals will be donating the center pieces for the tables and Optima Family Services will donate the tote bags. Ms. White will be MC. Invitations will be mailed out soon.

Succession Planning Workshop
Mr. Ibanez reported that the Succession Planning Workshop on August 6 was very well attended. Presenters were very knowledgeable on the topic; providers agreed that the information shared with them was very useful and that more workshops should be offered. Staff and providers from other regional centers were also in attendance. Providers interested in obtaining additional information about this workshop should contact Mr. Ibanez.

OT/PT/ST Provider Meeting
Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy providers for Early Start 0-3 were invited to attend a meeting on September 4 at LRC from 10-11:30 am. Topics to be discussed will be restoration of the early start services, referral process, timelines and vendorization. Findings from recent LRC audits will be shared with the group. DDS has hired six (6) additional auditors to do vendor audits.

NEW BUSINESS

ARCA Employment Committee
ARCA’s committees have been distributed to different Directors’ groups. The Community Services Directors’ group is now responsible for the Employment, Housing and Community Development committees. Ms. Ingram is co-chairing the Employment Committee. There will be four (4) statewide meetings per year. Ms. Ingram will have local meetings to obtain input from work program providers, EDD, DOR, school districts and other employment focused entities. Participants are expected to read all materials provided prior to the meetings to be able to provide input.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS
None

MEETING SITES FOR 2014
October 1 – Glendale Community Center hosted by Easter Seals
November 5 – SPAC Breakfast, La Canada-Flintridge Country Club
December 3 – TBD

**ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am

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**Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting**

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