

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Easter Seals
October 4, 2017
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kimberly West-Isaac
Dee Prescott
Sandy Moreno
Traci Jones-Martinez
Keri Castaneda
Israel Ibanez
Nicole Hajjar

EXCUSED

Miriam Whitfield
Jim Storck

GUESTS

Janet Upjohn – Cheerful Helpers
Kelly White – Villa Esperanza Services
Arpi Gulgulyan – The Campbell Center
Gurpreet Rai – In2Vision
Yvonne Nakamoto – Total Education Solutions
Dacia Fusaro – Jewish Family Service
Natalie Talasazon – Jewish Family Service
Shanna Hart – Ability First

STAFF

Karen Ingram
Sonia Garibay

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 6, 2017 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. Isaac shared that the Board meeting was very short and there was nothing relevant to report. The meeting was followed by a Community meeting to review the Performance Contract, Budget and the 2018 Staffing Plan.

CMS Final Rule

Ms. Garibay reported that the State has approved an additional \$15 million dollar in transition grant funds for FY17/18. This will be another opportunity for service providers to submit plans for funds to help them transition their programs and services to CMS Final Rule compliance. Providers will be notified when these funds are available.

Ms. Ingram clarified that the \$15 million dollars is for the entire RC system.

Ms. Garibay shared that there was a CMS Final Rule meeting for Day Program providers on September 27.

OLD BUSINESS

ABX2-1 Survey

Ms. Ingram reported that 485 LRC service providers completed the ABX2-1 survey, 4 service providers didn't. There will not be another opportunity for them to do so as the deadline was October 1 and the portal shut down at midnight. For service providers that failed to complete the survey, their rates will be reduced effective October 2, to their June 30, 2016 rates.

It is unknown if DDS will accept surveys that were completed incorrectly.

SPAC Membership

Ms. Ingram informed that the Nominating Committee will meet this month to review the applications for three continuing members and one new applicant, Ms. Yvonne Nakamoto from Total Education Solutions. The Board will vote on the committee appointments at their October 25 meeting. Ms. Ingram also informed that Ms. Whitfield is unable to continue serving on SPAC, leaving one vacancy on the committee. Anyone interested should contact Ms. Ingram or Ms. Isaac.

SPAC Breakfast

All is ready for the breakfast. Committee members were asked to be there early to help with the set up and were also asked to bring gift baskets or gift cards for the raffle. Total of RSVPs to date is 114, including 3 SPAC members. Ms. Moreno will be the MC.

In light of recent events, Ms. Hajjar asked if it's possible to have a security guard at the door. Ms. Moreno will follow up on that with Ms. Wilson and will also confirm that there will be 2 buffet lines.

NEW BUSINESS

CMS Emergency Preparation

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services have come up with new guidelines for emergency preparation. Lanterman has asked DDS if small long-term care residential homes are included in this, as the Webinars suggest the requirement is for large institutional settings, such as hospice care and hospitals.

Ms. Ingram emphasized that it is very important for providers to be prepared for any eventuality, and to hold regular drills with staff and clients.

Budget Trailer Bill Language

Ms. Ingram reported the following on the FY17/18 budget:

- Respite – effective January 1, 2018 the respite restrictions are lifted.
- 18-22 year old clients – RCs may now pay for paid internships, incentive payments and employment services for students in school if they are included on the IPP.
- Supported Employment job coaching rate was increased.

- DDS is required to convene a working group to find an easier way for providers seeking rate adjustments pursuant to health and safety and anticipated rate adjustment requests.
- Purchase of Services Disparity funding – State again approved \$11 million dollars for Disparity Projects to address the purchase of service disparities.
- DDS added nine employment measures to RC contracts.
- DDS is being required to develop guidelines for using CPP funds for non-CPP community resource development.
- Enhanced Behavior Support Homes – clarified some guidelines on the use of restraints and how to do incident reporting.

Resource Needs

Ms. Ingram asked the committee for resource needs. Following are the suggestions:

- Speech Therapy for adults
- Behavioral intervention
- How to access mental health services
- Social programs for adults
- Social skills for adults

Ms. Ingram informed that Lanterman meets quarterly with L.A. County Mental Health. Providers interested in attending should contact Ms. Gwen Jordan, Director of Clinical Services.

Ms. Hajjar suggested that providers should be educated about all the services available to parents as most of providers and parents don't know what kind of services they can utilize. Ms. Ingram suggested including a "Vendor Fair" on the SPAC goals for 2018 to address this issue.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Easter Seals started a new project to promote socialization in the L.A. area for adult clients. The group will meet twice a month on Saturdays. Ms. Prescott will e-mail the flyer to SPAC members.
- Smile Wonder opened a preschool in Los Angeles.

2017 SPAC meeting Locations

- November 1 – SP Breakfast – La Canada
- December 6 – Smile Wonder – Los Angeles, Inclusion Services to host

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

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K. WEST-ISAAC - Chair	SP	X	N	X	X	N	X	X	N	X	X	X	8
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	X	O	X	X	O	X	E	O	E	X	X	6
S. MORENO	R	X		X	E		X	E		X	X	X	6
I. IBANEZ	E	X	M	E	X	M	X	X	M	X	E	X	6
K. CASTANEDA	A	X	E	X	E	E	X	X	E	E	X	X	6
M. WHITFIELD	K	X	E	X	X	E	X	E	E	X	E	E	5
N. HAJJAR	F	X	T	X	E	T	X	E	T	X	E	X	5
D. PRESCOTT	A	X	I	E	X	I	X	X	I	X	X	X	7
J. STORCK	S	X	N	X	X	N	X	X	N	X	X	E	7
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