

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by FVO Solutions
April 2, 2014
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Traci Jones-Martinez
Bill Murphy
Israel Ibanez
Isis McDonald
Kathleen Kolenda
Sandy Doughty

NOT PRESENT

Kelly White
Kimberly West-Isaac

GUESTS

Lydia Goossens – Easter Seals
Cristina Vega – Seek Education, Inc
Kae Yabuki – Seek Education, Inc
Sarah Blitzstein – Jewish Family Service
Bill Martin – Autumn Cottage
Laura Campana – Junior Blind
Miriam Whitfield – SVS
Jose Meraz – In2Vision
Jana West – West Residential Homes
Gloria Leiva – Jeffrey Foundation

STAFF

Karen Ingram
Patrick Aulicino

The meeting was called to order by Isis McDonald, Acting Chair, at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 5, 2014 stated the site of the meeting incorrectly (GAMC Play To Grow Center, not Easter Seals). Recorder will make suggested changes. Minutes were approved as corrected.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. Ingram reported the following on behalf of Ms. White:

- ARCA - Santi Rogers, new DDS Director, was present. ARCA discussed minimum wage, legislation and the budget hearings that are in process.

- Mr. Aulicino gave a report on the LRC Administrative Services.
- Financial report was reviewed.

A Community Meeting followed the Board meeting to review the Disparity report from DDS and LRC's response.

LDC Closure Update

Ms. Ingram reported that to date only 10 LRC clients remain at LDC. Homes developed to house these individuals are in the process of being completed and licensed.

Administrative Services Report

Mr. Patrick Aulicino, Associate Director of Administrative Services gave a detailed review of the Administrative Services activities and responsibilities. These are some highlights:

- Accounting – managed a total of \$125 million this year, processes approximately 4, 800 authorizations and 1,500 POS payments monthly.
- Client Revenue Management – manages about \$10 million in client's funds annually as well as assist with applications and redeterminations for SSI and Medi-Cal
- Information Technology – support all staff with training on systems and repair issues and coordinate the integration of other software/hardware.
- Operations Management – maintain the physical plant, office equipment and manage the reception functions.
- Fiscal Monitoring – manages close to 70 contracts per year, performs audits of service providers, manages the Family Cost Participation Program and the Annual Family Program Fee Initiative.

Mr. Aulicino shared that LRC will start document imaging this year. Community Services will be the pilot for this project.

Budget – Mr. Aulicino reported that the system projects \$220 million deficit collectively. There will be enough funds for FY12-13. For FY13-14 funds will be tight, but it is anticipated that there will be enough funds to cover expenses. The State has brought in about a billion dollar more in revenue than was expected. Regional centers are concerned about cash flow as they only receive three 8% cash advances instead of the 25% they used to receive upfront. LRC has a bank line of credit for the first three months of the fiscal year but also has a revolving line for the next 9 months in case the budget doesn't get signed. There have been discussions with ARCA regarding going back to the initial cash advance to work with the cash flow issue. The new DDS Deputy Director stated that they are aware of the issue and will try to include it in the May Revise of the Budget.

OLD BUSINESS

SP Breakfast

The 2014 Service Provider Appreciation breakfast is scheduled for November 5 at La Canada Country Club. Ms. Doughty will confirm if tote bags will be donated by Mr. Carvajal. Ms. Ingram and Ms. Doughty will welcome any suggestion for key note speakers. Subcommittee members will meet immediately after the May 7 SPAC meeting.

SPAC Education

As a follow-up to last month's request for topics, Committee members made the following recommendations:

- Health/Dental Resources
- Social Security
- Support/resources for aging in place

ARCA's Budget Position

Ms. Ingram shared the Lanterman Coalition's proposal for the budget, which includes:

- Support the plan from the task force on the future of Developmental Centers, with a reminder that there are approximately 300,000 individuals with disabilities in the community who never went to a developmental center because their families and communities supported them at home. These individual are also in need of services and equipment for medical needs that are provided to the few clients residing at developmental centers.
- Down payment of system sustainability – Propose a 5% annual increase in provider rates and regional center operations until the rate setting mechanism is resolved.
- Begin the work of creating a cost based rate model (#6 on the task force proposal).
- Invest in Early Start support for children with disabilities
- Invest in work for adults with developmental disabilities and increase supported employment services by 10%.
- Remove RC prohibition against paying the insurance co-pay and deductibles.
- Invest in supporting family caregivers
- Remove failed policies that cost more money than they save.

Providers were encouraged again to visit their local officials or have them come to visit their programs.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Minimum Wage Letter

Ms. Ingram distributed a draft of the minimum wage letter and asked for input. Providers approved the draft unanimously; letter will be mailed out in April to providers with negotiated rates or median rates.

SB 946

Will be discussed at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- There will be two Trainings with Dr. Tom Pomeranz on May 8 and May 9 at LRC. Cost will be \$10.00 per person each day. A flyer will be mailed out.
- Jewish Family Services is sponsoring a Community Needs Assessment: Pooled Special needs trust seminars on May 13 at 7:00 PM at Temple Judea

MEETING SITES FOR 2014

May 7 – ECF Downtown Art Center

June 4 – Ability First – Pasadena

July 2 – GAR Services – Glendale
 August 6 – No meeting
 September 3 – LRC – Community meeting
 October 1 – Easter Seals
 November 5 – SP Breakfast
 December 3 – TBD

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 30 am

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
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				N			
I. McDONALD	B	X	O	E	X	X				O			
T. JONES MARTINEZ	R	X		X	X	X							
S. DOUGHTY	E	X	M	X	E	X				M			
B. MURPHY	A	X	E	X	X	X				E			
K. WEST-ISAAC	K	X	E	X	X	E				E			
I. IBANEZ	F	X	T	X	X	X				T			
K. KOLENDA*	A	X	I	X	E	X				I			
VACANT	S		N							N			
VACANT	T		G							G			

New member*