

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by AbilityFirst
August 3, 2016
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kelly White
Traci Jones-Martinez
Sandy Moreno
Bill Murphy
Israel Ibanez
Keri Castaneda
Miriam Whitfield
Dee Prescott

EXCUSED

Nicole Hajjar
Kimberly West-Isaac

GUESTS

Luana Acuna – In2vision
Beatrice Diaz – In2vision
Sandra Mendoza – Maxim Healthcare
Marvin Espinoza – The Jeffrey Foundation
Tony Carrillo – Inclusion Services
Shayna Nagel – Jewish Family Services
Cindi Raimondi – A.B.L.E. Inc.
Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center
Jim Storck – Autumn Cottage
Elana Schechtman-Gil – Jewish Family Services LA

STAFF

Karen Ingram

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for June 1, 2016 had a spelling error. Correction was made from steak to stake on page 2 under New Business, May Revise. The minutes were approved as corrected.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. White reported there was no Board meeting for July 2016.
Ms. Ingram reported on June/2016 Board meeting.

- Election of officers was presented: Louis Mitchell and Edwina Hull were re-elected. Mark Higgins (a returning parent) and Johanna Chavez were elected. Slate of officers is Louis Mitchell as President, Jack Gilbertson as 1st vice president, Mark Higgins as treasurer and Karla Diaz as Secretary.
- The Board reviewed an article from the L.A. Business Journal on non-profits and how to pay services related to the minimum wage requirements for the City of Los Angeles.

Advocacy Updates

- Ms. Ingram received a newsletter from PCDA that shows they are reaching out to Assembly-member Chris Holden.
- Ms. White has stopped advocating with the City of Pasadena to bring their minimum wage schedule in line with the State's.

CMS Final Rule Update

- Two meetings are scheduled for August. One for Children services, the other for workshops. Supported Employment Groups will be added with the workshops. A letter went out to providers with information on what they will be looking for. For the workshops there will be several discussions a few are on department of labor changes, internships effective July 1st 2016. For the children services it will be on Q & A. The workshop meeting will be August 23, 2016 at Ability First. Children Services meeting will be held August 16, 2016. Karen requested that SPAC members RSVP for a head count. Ms. White has two people from Villa attending.
- No plan has been submitted for the 15 million dollar Grant. Agencies may apply for this Grant to assist with CMS.

OLD BUSINESS

SP Breakfast

- Save the date flyer went out announcing the SPAC breakfast will be November 2, 2016 at La Canada Country club. Items for the goody bags need to be collected. The goal is to have 200 bags. Bags are being contributed by Mr. Ibanez and centerpieces by Autumn Cottage. Bags will be assembled at the October SPAC meeting. SPAC members were asked to contribute gift cards for the breakfast. Speaker for the SPAC breakfast is Pete Laity. Ms. Ingram reminded SPAC members to RSVP early.

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- The rate adjustments that were effective July 1, 2016 have been entered into the system. Medi-Cal funded programs and Usual & Customary rates did not change. The department changed rates for residential, ILS, in-home respite and day programs. Letters were sent out to providers.
- Discussion was held on rate adjustments and the tracking providers need to do to report spending to DDS next year. Ms. Ingram shared that the deadline for

providers to submit their worksheet is October 1, 2017. Any provider that does not meet the October 1st deadline will cease to receive adjusted rates.

- Ms. Ingram gave a brief explanation on the rate adjustments and the process that was used. Letters will go out this month to providers explaining their rate adjustments. New rate adjustments are for the current providers only. New providers will receive the median rate.
- Direction was received on July 28th for the paid internship for clients. The client will be paid the standard minimum wage. Eighteen to twenty-two year olds that are still in school may be eligible. There are three options for paying the client, 1) employer will pay the client directly, employer will bill the service provider who is doing the job coaching and the service provider bills the regional center, 2) payment can be run through an FMS, which will then bill the regional center, 3) Service provider pays the client then bills the regional center. Internship data and demographics will need to be tracked and reported to DDS.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Performance Contract Objectives

- Ms. Ingram informed that LRC's timeline is to have the public meetings in September. FDLRC's Proposed 2017 Performance Plan was distributed to SPAC's members. Ms. Ingram reviewed the plan. Any provider concerns will be presented at the community meeting immediately following the September SPAC meeting, which will be held at LRC.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Discussion was held on how out of area provider's regional centers are notifying one another on the minimum wage increase.
- Mr. Ibanez shared some concerns he had while attending a meeting at East Los Angeles Regional center, that not all providers are taking the CMS Final Rule seriously.
- Tom Pomeranz training will be November 12, 2016. Location and time to be announced.
- Ms. White shared that VES has a HUD apartment vacancy for a male client.
- Ms. Castaneda shared that Ability First has one vacancy at Crown House. She also informed that their college to career program started this Monday. They are partnering with Pasadena City College and have seven clients enrolled.

2016 SPAC Meeting Locations

- September 7 – FDLRC – Los Angeles
- October 5 – Easter Seals – Glendale
- November 2 – SP Breakfast – La Canada
- December 7 – Smile Pediatric – Los Angeles

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

2015-2016	N O V 15	D E C 15	J A N 16	F E B 16	M A R 16	A P R 16	M A Y 16	J U N 16	J U L 16	A U G 16	S E P 16	O C T 16	T O T A L
K. WHITE, Chair	SP	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	N	X			
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X			
S. MORENO	R	X	X	E	E	X	X	E		X			
B. MURPHY	E	X	X	E	E	X	E	X	M	X			
K. WEST-ISAAC	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	E			
I. IBANEZ	K	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	E	X			
K. CASTANEDA	F	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	T	X			
M. WHITFIELD	A	X	X	X	A	A	X	E	I	X			
N. HAJJAR	S	E	X	X	E	X	E	E	N	E			
D. PRESCOTT	T	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	G	X			