

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by Easter Seals
February 5, 2014
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

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

NOT PRESENT

Isis McDonald

GUESTS

Wayne Moody – Milestones Behavior, Inc
Lydia Goossens – Easter Seals
Noey Garcia – In2Vision
Shaun Farrell – Maxim Healthcare Services
Cristina Vega – Seek Education, Inc
Kae Yabuki – Seek Education, Inc
Keri Castaneda – AbilityFirst

STAFF

Karen Ingram

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 5, 2013 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. White was unable to attend the Board meeting. Ms. Ingram reported the following:

- New DDS Director – Santi Rodgers was appointed as the Director of Developmental Services. He is currently the Executive Director at San Andreas Regional Center. Santi will start his new position on March 3rd. The Governor also appointed a new Deputy Director.
- Budget – Regional centers are collectively projecting a 300 million dollar deficit for the year. Centers are being asked to increase the number of clients on the Medicaid Waiver to be able to collect more federal monies.
- ARCA Report – ARCA's main focus for the year will be the restoration of the early start program, which was decimated during the budget crunch. ARCA will have a

website solely for the purpose of showing Early Start and educating people on the importance of this program.

- Westside Regional Center has opened a medical clinic for clients. There will be a variety of specialists working at this clinic and any regional center client and their family can receive services.
- SB 579 an ARCA sponsored Bill, was revised and passed unanimously from the Senate. It is now in the Assembly appropriations waiting for assignment.
- LRC received a sizable gift from a parent of a former LDC client because she's very happy and impressed with the level of care and the quality of life that her child has in the community.
- The LRC historical book is being updated – it has been 7 years since the last update and much has happened within the system.
- The RC audit and tax returns were accepted. The LRC treasurer reported that 98% of the regional center budget was spent on services.

LDC Closure Update

Ms. Ingram reported that only thirteen LRC clients remain at the LDC. LRC has 6 clients at Fairview DC, 10 clients residing at the Bungalows, 4 clients living out of state and 18 clients residing in IMDs.

OLD BUSINESS

SPAC Breakfast

Ms. Doughty reported that due to the increase in attendance to the breakfast it has been decided to change venues this year. The breakfast is scheduled for November 5 at the La Canada Country Club. Subcommittee members will meet soon to plan this event.

Minimum Wage

Ms. Ingram reported that DDS is aware that the minimum wage is going up. The Governor's proposed budget has 110 million dollars in the regional center system to fund the increase for providers. It is not yet clear how it will be implemented. Providers were encouraged to contact their legislators to voice their concerns as to how this will impact their businesses in terms of staff equity for those who already pay \$9-\$10/hour.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Safety

A recent fire that killed two clients at a licensed home in Orange County raised concerns as to how providers conduct drills. The individuals who perished did not respond to the smoke alarms when they were awakened from their sleep. LRC QA will continue to recommend that fire drills be done at different hours, including while clients are sleeping, using this fire as an example for doing so. The emphasis for QA visits this year will be fire safety at all residential and day programs.

Succession Planning

Ms. Ingram asked the committee to consider hosting a workshop to help smaller providers deal with their succession planning. LRC has some aging "mom & pop" providers and some small business owners who are sole proprietors and may not have a

business plan in place for continuing the business once they are no longer able to. Ms. White and Ms. Doughty will work with Ms. Ingram to plan a workshop. Community Care Licensing and SOCCO will be asked to participate.

Ms. Ingram suggested including the topic “Aging Clients” to future agendas to discuss provider training for dealing with issues that arise as clients age.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Ms. Doughty reported that GAR Services changed its name to The Campbell Center.
- LRC is switching from paper to electronic files. Community Services will be the pilot for this project.
- AbilityFirst distributed brochures for Camp Paivika summer camps. Deadline for early-bird registration is February 15.

MEETING SITES FOR 2014

March 5 – Glendale Adventist Med Ctr – Play to Learn Center – Eagle Rock

April 2 – FVO Solutions – Pasadena

May 7 – TBD – non member site

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 - non member site

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 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						N			
I. McDONALD	B	X	O	E						O			
T. JONES MARTINEZ	R	X		X									
S. DOUGHTY	E	X	M	X						M			
B. MURPHY	A	X	E	X						E			
K. WEST-ISAAC	K	X	E	X						E			
I. IBANEZ	F	X	T	X						T			
K. KOLENDA	A	X	I	X						I			
VACANT	S		N							N			
VACANT	T		G							G			

New member*