

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by CalWes Residential at Easter Seals
June 7, 2017
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kimberly West-Isaac
Jim Storck
Israel Ibanez
Dee Prescott
Keri Castaneda

EXCUSED

Traci Jones-Martinez
Miriam Whitfield
Sandy Moreno
Nicole Hajjar

GUESTS

Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center
Janet Upjohn – Cheerful Helpers
Sylvia Thompson – LivHome
Allan Baca – Inclusion Services
Marvin Espinoza – The Jeffrey Foundation
Ivette Torres – Premier Healthcare Services
Arpi Gulgulyan – The Campbell Center
Cynthia Martinez – Easter Seals
Erema Ferguson – Easter Seals
Diane Sanka – Easter Seals
Rachel Saucedo – Easter Seals
Brian Nguyen – Easter Seals
Stephanie Alvarez – 24HR Homecare

STAFF

Karen Ingram
Sonia Garibay

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 3, 2017 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. West reported the following:

- Ms. Rose Chacana gave an overview of the KYRC activities and services available to clients and their families.
- The Board did Nominations for the next Board term.

- The Board approved the line of credit in case the budget doesn't get signed on time.
- Mr. Aulicino reported that there will be changes on the May Revise that will affect service providers.

CMS Final Rule

Ms. Garibay reported the following:

- LRC is currently working with the two recipients of the transition funds. Contracts will be signed by the end of June.
- There will be a CMS Final Rule meeting for residential providers on June 28 from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. at the Goodwill Training Center.

Legislative Advocacy Update

Ms. Ingram stated that AB279 still alive even though it will cost money to the State. This bill has the support from Legislators. Ms. Ingram also reported that AB1610, which will restore the social recreation programs and will remove the in-home respite cap, is desperately needed. These services were suspended in 2009 as a cost saving measure. Providers were strongly encouraged to call or write letters to their local legislators to support both bills.

Committee members informed that they have been doing local visits and writing letters to Legislators and the Senate Budget Committee in support of AB279.

OLD BUSINESS

SP Breakfast

Ms. Castaneda reported on behalf of Ms. Contreras that the subcommittee agreed to the following:

- Show the film "We Are Here to Speak for Justice" in lieu of a keynote speaker.
- Buffet breakfast – same menu as last year, servers will be provided at no additional cost.
- No curtains.

The committee is exploring the possibility of the film being shown on two screens to give everybody the opportunity to watch it without having to move around. Providers were reminded to start collecting donations for the goodie bags.

ABX 2-1 Update

Ms. Ingram reminded service providers that they need to submit the ABX2-1 survey to DDS by October 1st. She stated that service providers that fail to submit the survey will have their rates lowered to pre-adjustment rates effective October 1. LRC is waiting for official notification from Nancy Bargmann, Brian Winfield or Jim Knight at DDS to apply the percentage of the increase to the median rate schedules, and to possibly adjust the rates retroactive to July 1, 2016 for providers vendored since then.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Counsel Report

Ms. Ingram commented on the report from Public Counsel that was included in the packet. This report notes that more Purchase of Service dollars are spent on white clients than on other ethnic groups. Ms. Ingram noted that the report does not show the amount of generic resources supporting clients.

Ms. Ingram shared that 75% of LRC clients are under the age of 22, therefore, many services needed are funded through the schools. It was noted that after-school care and respite cost less than residential and employment services which may account for some of the differences.

ARCA has a contract with Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) to study the disparities. CHLA will go to various communities and speak with individual families about their needs. Hopefully this study brings meaningful information on what to do to make sure that all clients receive the services that they need. It will take CHLA about 2 years to complete this survey.

Community Meeting

LRC Program & Services Committee is hosting a Community Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, to discuss plans to reduce caseload ratios. Ms. Ingram reported that 20 out of 21 regional centers are in a Corrective Action Plan for not meeting the 1-66 caseload ratio mandate for the past 2 years. Currently caseloads are approximately 1-93. Ms. Ingram shared that LRC will add 7 additional service coordinators this year but because caseloads are growing at a fast pace they may not make the difference hoped for.

May Revise

Ms. Ingram shared some of the highlights of the May Revise:

- The money that regional centers will receive this fiscal year will be for growth only.
- The funds for developmental centers were increased because the movement of clients from Sonoma Developmental Center into the community is taking longer than expected. Housing costs are very high and families of Sonoma clients are very resistant to the move.
- There are funds to remove the respite cap and restore social and recreation programs.
- There are funds to move behavioral services from regional centers to MediCal for people that do not have an autism spectrum diagnosis. Autism diagnosis has already been transitioned to insurance.
- It has been proposed to allow 18-22 year old clients who are in school to take part in the paid internship program.
- Regional center contracts with DDS will include a goal on Employment First.
- Some trailer language will allow regional centers to use community placement plan funds for community development.

Ms. Ingram shared that there is a serious lack of community resources, especially residential options for children and seniors. She also mentioned that some caregivers are aging and will not be able to continue doing business.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- There will be a Community Meeting on June 14 @ 10:00 AM at the regional center.
- MACH1 is offering an equestrian therapy program for children and adults
- Screening of the "Bottom Dollars" documentary at California Endowment on July 31. Attendance for Part 1 is free, Part 2 fee is \$35.00
- There will be a Tom Pomeranz provider training on August 11 at La Canada Country Club. Mr. Pomeranz will present on how providers can work successfully with

families during the transition in services. Free admission for the first 2 people per agency. To register contact Ms. Maureen Wilson. All additional staff are \$20 per person and must register on-line.

- CMS Final Rule deadline has been extended to 2022; however, DDS and LRC will continue to strive to have programs compliant by 2019.
- Mr. Ibanez shared that he joined the California Supported Living Network membership and encouraged other providers do the same as it's very helpful with assisting providers with consistency of services, issues about salaries, advocacy, etc. There's a membership fee to join.

2017 SPAC meeting Locations

- July 6 – No meeting
- August 2 – Gogian House – Glendale
- September 6 – FDLRC – Los Angeles
- October 4 – Easter Seals – Glendale
- November 1 – SP Breakfast – La Canada
- December 6 – Smile Wonder – Los Angeles, Inclusion Services to host

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 AM

/ip

Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
ATTENDANCE

| 2016-20167 | N O V 16 | D E C 16 | J A N 17 | F E B 17 | M A R 17 | A P R 17 | M A Y 17 | J U N 17 | J U L 17 | A U G 17 | S E P 17 | O C T 17 | T O T A L |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| K. WEST-ISAAC - Chair | SP | X | N | X | X | N | X | X | N | | | | |
| T. JONES MARTINEZ | B | X | O | X | X | O | X | E | O | | | | |
| S. MORENO | R | X | | X | E | | X | E | | | | | |
| I. IBANEZ | E | X | M | E | X | M | X | X | M | | | | |
| K. CASTANEDA | A | X | E | X | E | E | X | X | E | | | | |
| M. WHITFIELD | K | X | E | X | X | E | X | E | E | | | | |
| N. HAJJAR | F | X | T | X | E | T | X | E | T | | | | |
| D. PRESCOTT | A | X | I | E | X | I | X | X | I | | | | |
| J. STORCK | S | X | N | X | X | N | X | X | N | | | | |
| VACANT | T | | G | | | G | | | G | | | | |