

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
Hosted by GAMC – Play To Learn Center
March 1, 2017
Minutes**

SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Kimberly West-Isaac
Traci Jones-Martinez
Miriam Whitfield
Jim Storck
Israel Ibanez
Dee Prescott
Nicole Hajjar

EXCUSED

Keri Castaneda
Sandy Moreno

GUESTS

Shanna Hart – AbilityFirst
Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center
Michael Barkyoumb – AbilityFirst
Dacia Fusaro – Jewish Family Service
Yvonne Nakamoto – Total Education Solutions
Kelly White – Villa Esperanza Services
Beatrice Diaz – In2Vision
Cindi Raimondi – ABLE
Yvette Torres – Premier Healthcare
Allan Baca – Inclusion Services

STAFF

Karen Ingram
Rose Chacana
Carmen Jimenez-Wynn

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 1, 2017 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS

Board Meeting

Ms. West reported the following:

- The Board will be sending a letter of support on behalf of AB279. This Bill will allow the RC and DDS to authorize rate adjustments for providers impacted by local

minimum wage orders. Providers were encouraged to contact their Legislators and ask them to support AB279.

- One of the approved Disparity projects has doubled the number of Spanish speaking families and expanded the Promotora Program to assist Korean speaking families.
- Presentation on the Everbridge Emergency Notification System. This program allows the regional center to communicate with staff, clients and families in case of an emergency or when the regional center closes during regular business hours for reasons out of its control. The system has been tested with staff effectively.

CMS Final Rule

Ms. Ingram reported that activity is picking up as the implementation becomes effective March 17, 2019. The State plan has not yet been approved.

Ms. Ingram shared that the new Quality Assurance Manager, Ms. Sonia Garibay, will oversee the QA Specialists and will be taking over the CMS Final Rule related issues.

Ms. Ingram informed that on March 21 there will be a workgroup meeting with supported employment and workshops, and on March 28 there will be a meeting with day programs. Meetings with residential and children services will be scheduled in April.

DDS will be meeting with regional center CMS point persons on a regular basis as DDS has to report to the Legislature on a regular basis.

Legislative Advocacy

Ms. Ingram reminded the group that Legislative advocacy is not just about Sacramento but is also about City Council and L.A. County as their decisions have an impact on RC providers and services

OLD BUSINESS

Transition Fund Update

No information available, this will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

KYRC report

Ms. Rose Chacana, Director of the Koch-Young Resource Center (KYRC), gave a presentation on the various functions of the KYRC and how new families and clients benefit from all the resources available for them at the center. Families are also advised to visit the Network of Care on line as there are many resources available in the community as well.

Providers were encouraged to subscribe to the e-mail blast to receive important updates from the regional center.

The KYRC will host a dental screening for clients in March and there will be a Science Fair in April. More information on these events and other upcoming events is available on the LRC website.

Ms. Chacana shared that KYRC has partnered with the Child Care Alliance to provide free child care so parents are able to attend workshops or trainings. A schedule for the support groups available was distributed.

Ms. Ingram informed that a Request for Proposal (RFP) is being posted for a social program for adult clients in the LA area. The RFP will be posted on the LRC website and notices will be sent to Day Programs, ILS, SLS and to any other provider that may be interested. She clarified that there are no start up monies, but the program will be funded thru a Purchase of Services contract.

Social Media & Professional Boundaries

Ms. Ingram shared that there has been an increasing number of investigations involving social media. It has been reported that clients who own a cell phone/camera take pictures of other clients/people and post them without asking for consent from the people on the picture before posting them on social media. Some clients have taken pictures of staff not doing their jobs, and some clients have been convinced to post inappropriate pictures of themselves.

Ms. Ingram asked providers for recommendations on how make clients/support staff understand the boundaries and what is and is not acceptable when it comes to posting information/photos on social medial, but most important to keep the clients safe. Any recommendation on policies and procedures should be forwarded to Ms. Ingram.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Ms. Ingram introduced Ms. Carmen Jimenez-Wynn as the new Employment Specialist. She will be the liaison between the regional center and Work Programs.
- Ms. Sonia Garibay, Quality Assurance Manager, will be attending next SPAC meeting.
- Providers were encouraged to attend Peter Leidy's presentation on April 7-8. More information will be posted on the LRC website.
- California Supported Network will meet on April 13-14 in San Diego. Mr. Ibanez will be attending and will report at the next meeting.

2017 SPAC meeting Locations

- April 5 – Total Education Solutions – S. Pasadena
- May 3 – Smile Wonder – Los Angeles
- June 7 – Easter Seals – Glendale, CalWes will host
- 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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 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				
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	X	O	X	X				O				
S. MORENO	R	X		X	E								
I. IBANEZ	E	X	M	E	X				M				
K. CASTANEDA	A	X	E	X	E				E				
M. WHITFIELD	K	X	E	X	X				E				
N. HAJJAR	F	X	T	X	E				T				
D. PRESCOTT	A	X	I	E	X				I				
J. STORCK	S	X	N	X	X				N				
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