

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center  
Service Provider Advisory Committee  
Hosted by ECF Downtown Art Center**

**May 7, 2014**

**Minutes**

**SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kelly White  
Traci Jones-Martinez  
Israel Ibanez  
Isis McDonald  
Kathleen Kolenda  
Sandy Doughty

**NOT PRESENT**

Kimberly West-Isaac  
Bill Murphy

**GUESTS**

Lydia Goossens – Easter Seals  
Cristina Vega – Seek Education, Inc  
Kae Yabuki – Seek Education, Inc  
Sarah Blitzstein – Jewish Family Service  
Jose Meraz – In2Vision  
Gloria Leiva – Jeffrey Foundation  
Veronica Solano – Jeffrey Foundation  
Mary Hicks – Mercedes Diaz Homes  
Ron Rozen – Mercedes Diaz Homes  
Cindi Raimondi - ABLE

**STAFF**

Diane Anand  
Karen Ingram  
Rose Chacana

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of March 5, 2014 were approved as submitted.

**REPORTS**

**Board Meeting**

Ms. White reported the following,

- Internal Education Services – Ms. Gwen Jordan, Director of Clinical Services, gave an overview of the Clinical Services activities, including the relationship they have developed with UCLA. Ms. Jordan emphasized the importance of providers using the services of LRC dental hygienist, Ms. Leticia Reyes, to work with their staff for the

benefit of the clients. She also discussed Clinical Services future challenges and the Medicaid Waiver.

- The Way Forward – Ms. Anand was very instrumental in the forum that was held in April. The purpose of the forum was to generate discussion regarding the future of the regional center system and what is needed to continue providing community-based services in the changing economic environment. Representatives from other states shared the strategies their states have implemented. Santi Rogers, new Executive Director of DDS was one of the CA speakers.
- Advocacy – A big push for the restoration of the Early Start services. Other proposals discussed being discussed with legislators include an annual 5% increase for providers and the regional centers until DDS determines a method for keeping rates in line with actual costs, and renewal of the 10% supported employment rate increase that was taken away.
- Budget – Mr. Aulicino gave a Budget update.
- New Legislation – All regional center board members are now required to have cultural competency training on an annual basis. RCs are working collectively on this.

### **LDC Closure Update**

Ms. Ingram reported that to date fewer than 50 people are residing at LDC. LRC only has 5 clients remaining. Homes for these individuals are in the process of being licensed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **SP Breakfast**

The 2014 Service Provider Appreciation breakfast is scheduled for November 5 at La Canada Country Club. The subcommittee will meet immediately after this meeting to discuss speaker/program options. Ms. Doughty reminded providers again to consider donating 200 items for the goodie bags or asking their vendors to donate items.

#### **Minimum Wage Update**

Ms. Ingram reported that DDS is making the rate adjustments for the services that they set rates for, which include: residential services, day programs, ILS, Respite and Infant Development. Regional Centers are responsible for making the adjustments for all other services that have a negotiated or median rate. LRC is using the DDS spreadsheet to collect that data needed to consider the rate adjustment request. Providers will be notified when the form is available on the LRC website.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Ms. Diane Anand Retirement**

On behalf of the Service Provider Advisory Committee, Ms. White, Chair of the committee, recognized Ms. Anand for her dedication and years of service at Lanterman. Ms. Anand thanked service providers personally and on behalf of regional center staff for the great work that they do on a daily basis for persons with developmental disabilities and expressed deep appreciation for their commitment.

Ms. Anand announced that the Board of Directors has selected Ms. Melinda Sullivan, currently Associate Director, to be the next LRC Executive Director.

### **Committee Education – Koch Young Resource Center (KYRC)**

Ms. Rose Chacana, Assistant Director, gave an overview of the functions and activities of the KYRC. She strongly encouraged providers to visit the KYRC and to take advantage of all the materials and resources that are available for them, their staff and families.

### **Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)**

Ms. Ingram shared with the group the Home and Community Based Services and the Summary of Key Provisions of the Home and Community-Based Services settings final rule fact sheets received from CMS.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

- KYRC is sponsoring a Sexuality Training for adolescents on May 21 in English and on August 6 in Spanish. A blast e-mail will be sent to families and providers with more information.
- LRC is planning a “Succession Planning” workshop for providers.
- ECF Art Center is having an Open House on Friday May 16.

### **MEETING SITES FOR 2014**

\*June 11 – Ability First – Pasadena

\*July 9 – Gogian House – Glendale

August 6 – No meeting

September 3 – LRC – Community meeting

October 1 – Easter Seals

November 5 – SP Breakfast

December 3 – TBD

\*NOTE - These two meeting dates have been changed from the first to the second Wednesday of the month.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 15 am

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*Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting*  
**ATTENDANCE**

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K. WHITE, Chair	SP	X	N	X	X	E	X			N			
I. McDONALD	B	X	O	E	X	X	X			O			
T. JONES MARTINEZ	R	X		X	X	X	X						
S. DOUGHTY	E	X	M	X	E	X	X			M			
B. MURPHY	A	X	E	X	X	X	E			E			
K. WEST-ISAAC	K	X	E	X	X	E	E			E			
I. IBANEZ	F	X	T	X	X	X	X			T			
K. KOLENDA*	A	X	I	X	E	X	X			I			
VACANT	S		N							N			
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New member\*