

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center  
Service Provider Advisory Committee  
Hosted by FDLRC  
September 6, 2017  
Minutes**

**SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kimberly West-Isaac  
Jim Storck  
Dee Prescott  
Sandy Moreno  
Traci Jones-Martinez  
Keri Castaneda

**EXCUSED**

Israel Ibanez  
Miriam Whitfield  
Nicole Hajjar

**GUESTS**

Angela Cooper – The Campbell Center  
Janet Upjohn – Cheerful Helpers  
Kelly White – Villa Esperanza Services  
Beatrice Diaz – In2Vision  
Arpi Gulgulyan – The Campbell Center  
Gurpreet Rai – In2Vision  
Yvonne Nakamoto – Total Education Solutions  
Kyra Griffith – TLC Speech Therapy  
Armineh Agvazian – Rose & Alex Pilibos Preschool  
Aurora Rowland – Independent Contractor  
Ann Seisa – Vagthol’s Residential  
Yvette Torres – Premier Healthcare  
Anita Lorca – Kingsley Group Home

**STAFF**

Karen Ingram

The meeting followed the Community Meeting and was called to order at 10:55 AM. Introductions were made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of August 2, 2017 were accepted as submitted.

**REPORTS**

**Board Meeting**

Ms. West reported the following:

- An additional performance contract goal regarding Disparity was approved.
- The revised Respite Service Standard was approved and will be sent to DDS.
- The 2018 caseload plan was approved by the Board.

- LRC raised over \$14,000 for the back to school “Backpack” project, with 575 backpacks distributed to clients.

### **AB279 Update**

Ms. Isaac reported that the AB 279 rally was very well attended, about 500 providers showed their support including Ms. Isaac and three other LRC Board members. Unfortunately the bill didn’t pass, but providers will make sure that there will be other attempts to revive this bill in the future.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **SPAC Breakfast**

Last details of the breakfast were discussed. Invitations were mailed September 5. Ms. Moreno asked that SPAC members be the first ones to send their reservations in. All items for the goodie bags should be delivered to Easter Seals for assembly. Providers can also bring door prizes (gift baskets, gift cards) if they wish to do so. Center pieces will be donated by Autumn Cottage and tote bags will be donated by Inclusion Services.

#### **CMS Final Rule**

Ms. Ingram informed that the Day Program meeting is scheduled for September 27 at BCR in Burbank; the Residential Program meeting will be held at Goodwill Training Center – date TBD; and the Work Program meeting will be held in October.

There’s still no approved plan for the State of California. AbilityFirst & FVO Solutions received 2016/17 transition funds and are in process of conducting staff training and client assessments. Funds are in the 2017/18 budget for more transition grants. DDS has not yet released information on the process for applying for these funds.

#### **ABX2-1 Survey**

Ms. Ingram shared that some providers have been having problems completing the ABX2-1 survey online. At this time only 28% of LRC vendors have completed their survey. Ms. Ingram reminded providers that the survey deadline is October 1, 2017. Effective October 2, 2017, rates will be lowered to the June 30, 2016 rates for all providers that fail to submit the survey. For additional information contact Ms. Ingram.

#### **Legislative Advocacy**

Ms. Ingram encouraged providers to continue their contact with their elected officials and to share their disappointment about AB 279 not moving forward. Remind the officials of the value their business provides the community, and that program closures may occur if the provider’s rate is not adjusted to meet local minimum wage requirements. AB 279 was going to give DDS and regional centers the ability to consider a rate adjustment when the local minimum wage is increased. As of July 1, 2017, the City of L.A., City of Pasadena and the County of L.A. have a \$12 minimum wage, while the State’s minimum wage is \$10.50. Ms. Ingram stated that LRC has received requests for Health and Safety waivers from Pasadena and LA providers for rate adjustments. The requests will be reviewed by LRC, and then sent to DDS as the Health & Safety waiver requests must be approved by DDS.

**UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

None

**2017 SPAC meeting Locations**

- 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 11:15 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	X	X	N	X	X		
T. JONES MARTINEZ	B	X	O	X	X	O	X	E	O	E	X		
S. MORENO	R	X		X	E		X	E		X	X		
I. IBANEZ	E	X	M	E	X	M	X	X	M	X	E		
K. CASTANEDA	A	X	E	X	E	E	X	X	E	E	X		
M. WHITFIELD	K	X	E	X	X	E	X	E	E	X	E		
N. HAJJAR	F	X	T	X	E	T	X	E	T	X	E		
D. PRESCOTT	A	X	I	E	X	I	X	X	I	X	X		
J. STORCK	S	X	N	X	X	N	X	X	N	X	X		
VACANT	T		G			G			G				