

**Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center  
Service Provider Advisory Committee  
September 1, 2021  
Minutes**

This SPAC Committee Zoom meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM and roll call was taken.

**SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kimberly West-Isaac  
Dee Prescott  
Kelly White  
Greg Sanchez  
Nicole Hajjar  
Keri Castaneda

**Excused:**

Kyra Griffith

**Guests:**

Frank Lara/LRC PACE	Kaye Quintero/LRC Abiola Quadri	Elsa Vahlstrom Liza Fontelera
Neda Rezapoor/Trive&S Nikisia Simmons	Lynn Lewis/Burside GH Andrea Devers/PCS Lant	Breatrice Diaz/In2Vision Alexandra Dantona/Children 1 <sup>st</sup>
Bernadette Manalo/NBC Christian De Paz/ACT	Michelle Lam Maria Peralta	Angelica Godoy/LRC Andrew Day/PCS Lanterman
Kimberly Yrigoyen/SVS Charles Rhee/Autism Spec	Samuel Sousa Cynthia Cordon	Harry Bruell Israel Ibanez/Inclusion Svs
Margarita Blanco/LRC Ross Cope/College Nanies	Azniv Tonoyan/In2Vision Abrahan Valdez	Ashly Dominguez/In2Vision Nancy Niebrugge/TCC
Christian Irigoyen/LRC Ana Mancilla	Maura Enriquez/ESSC Elizabeth Reyes	Celia Montes Christopher Perry/PCDA
DL Cook/Quantrum Kimberly Bermudez/24Hr	Bijan Beizai/In2Vision Lourdes Carranza/ESSC	Talin Yacoubian/Uplift Asenaca Ranitu/Shady Accres
Lateisha Getter/Inclusion Svs Nita Davis/Almansor	Cassandra Luques/SVS Anjali Carrasco/CFDK	Brian Nguyen/ESSC Bryan Chacon/Maxim
Anna Polin/Build Rehab Jacklin Pfaff/Total Ed	Giovanni Ag Darryl Goodus	Cindi Raimondi/ABLE Doylena Doss
Dennis Moreno/Laverna Allan Baca/Inclusion Svs	Kendra Espinoza Marina Margaryan	Claudia Ayala/LRC Elizabeth Ramirez/LRC

**Staff**

Pablo Ibañez

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes from the August 4, 2021 meeting were accepted as submitted.

## **REPORTS**

### **Board**

Ms. Isaac reported the following:

- ARCA gave an overview on their activities and their connection to the regional centers.
- The Board reviewed the “Conflict of Interest” policy; there are no conflict of interest issues at the moment.
- ARCA will start having seminars for community members to introduce them to the RC system services; ARCA is advocating for rate adjustments.
- Ms. Sullivan reported that service coordination is expected to return to the office one day a week effective September 13.
- The Board will be recruiting 2 new members.

### **HCBS Update**

Mr. Ibañez reported that the monitoring visits continue to take place.

### **Self Determination Update**

Mr. Ibañez informed that the number of families interested in moving to Self Determination steadily increases at a slow pace. LRC is waiting for updated guidance related to independent facilitation and person center planning. He reported that the only mandated vendored service for self-determination is the financial management service (FMS). Mr. Ibañez clarified that independent facilitation is not a vendored service at the moment. This will continue to be a standing agenda item.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Legislative Advocacy**

Ms. White shared regarding the presentation that Assemblyman Chris Holden hosted to honor all DSPs; she stated that it was a wonderful recognition. This event was sponsored by the ARC of Southern and Northern California. Ms. White encouraged providers to thank their legislators for their support.

Mr. Ibañez shared that LRC will not be facilitating a task force to address the hiring challenges all providers are currently facing because the Executive Directors group (ED) will be meeting with DDS on this issue. More information to follow.

### **DDS Updates**

Ms. Ibañez shared that the budget looks good as it relates to service providers but no implementation details have been discussed yet. He also shared that recreational services are being restored. Service coordination is actively reviewing funding guidelines for social recreational services and are in contact with DDS and other regional centers.

All HCBS requirements will be reviewed for providers that are interested in providing social recreational services to make sure that all services are integrated and that there is client choice.

Mr. Ibañez also informed that instructions for continued alternative services were included on the last e-bulletin sent. All providers providing alternative services need to once again engage clients receiving alternative services. If the client/family decides to continue providing alternative services, the client’s ISP need to be updated as needed and sent to the client’s service coordinator.

The service coordinator then needs to follow up with the client/family. This process needs to take place November 1, 2021. Providers were advised to keep a record of all re-engagement communication they have with the clients/families.

### **LRC Updates**

Mr. Ibañez reported that the Department of Public Health has issued a mandate that all public health care workers are required to be vaccinated by the end of September. DPH has determined that service providers as well as regional center employees are considered care health workers however this is currently under review. Providers had a lengthy conversation about the medical and religious exemptions.

Mr. Ibañez also reported that the service provider trainings have resumed and encouraged providers to attend; the link was included on the last e-bullet and is also on the LRC website.

### **SP Breakfast**

Ms. Isaac shared that this year, once again, there won't be a physical SP Breakfast and that it's still unclear if this will be a virtual event, as at this point there may not be time to coordinate. Ms. Isaac and Mr. Ibañez will discuss further.

### **Vendor Fair**

Mr. Sanchez reported that everything is ready for the Vendor Fair on September 9. The panelists theme for this fair is "Reimagining consumer centric services in the Covid-19 era" This fair will cover the entire life span, early intervention, school age and on-going. The deadline for providers to submit the information for their e-brochure to be included is Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. About 25 service providers are participating. E-brochures will be archived on the ARCA website for training purposes. Mr. Sanchez will give an update at the October meeting.

### **Provider Training**

Ms. Prescott continues to encourage providers to attend the Disability Thrive Initiative trainings. She stated that these trainings were provided through a grant from DDS and they will end at the end of this year. The next training on advocacy is scheduled for September 8. Details were shared on the chat.

### **SPAC Vacancies**

Mr. Ibañez shared that the final recommendations will be presented to the Nominating Committee at their next meeting. Results will be shared with SPAC members at a later date.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **DDS Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)**

Mr. Ibañez shared that the service providers affected directly by EVV are: supported living services, respite services, personal assistance services and home maker services. Independent living services will not be affected. By the end of this week an email will be sent to Lanterman providers that meet the criteria to give them the option of providing information to be part of a master file or to enter their information manually at a later time. Providers are to send their information to their vendoring regional center only.

Providers were encouraged to sign up to receive updates from DDS.

**UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

Mr. Ibañez informed that DDS has issued a wellness bulletin addressing the Public Safety Power shut off – There will be a training on this topic on September 21 from 11:00 – Noon.

**ADJOURNEMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 AM.

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

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K. WEST-ISAAC - Chair	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	E	X	X		
K. CASTANEDA	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	E	X		
N. HAJJAR	X	X	E	X	E	X	X	X	E	E	X		
D. PRESCOTT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
G. SANCHEZ	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
K. GRIFFITH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E		
K. WHITE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
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