SPAC MEMBERS PRESENT
Kelly White
Traci Jones-Martinez
Kimberly West-Isaac
Bill Murphy
Sandy Doughty
Emily Lloyd
Isis McDonald
Israel Ibanez

EXCUSED
Shelby Forn
Oscar Carvajal

GUESTS
Kathleen Kolenda – Easter Seals
Maurilia Aguilar – Prog. Behav. Therapy
Marina Margaryan – Westview Services
Ivonne Hogan – Easter Seals
Annie Vartanian – GAR Services
Ramanita Runtu – ABLE
Jae Rhee – Parent
Talar Tchobyaan – GAR Services
Carla Pook – Atwater Park Center
Bertha Rodriguez – Atwater Park Center
Keri Castaneda – AbilityFirst
Rik Hopkins – GAR Services
Shawn Farrell – Maxim Healthcare
Gustavo Palomares – SVS
Bernadette Manalo
Shelby Briggs – UCPLA
Ashley Kim – Parent
Peter Gero - BLAST

STAFF
Karen Ingram
Haleh Hashemzadeh
Charlotte Suzukamo
Fisseha Abo

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes of August 7, 2013 were accepted as submitted.

REPORTS
Board Meeting
Ms. White was not able to attend the Board meeting. Ms. Ingram reported the following:
• Ms. Gwen Jordan gave an overview on the Clinical Services activities during 2012.
• ARCA Report hi-lites included:
  • Legislation: AB468, self directed services, is moving thru committees. SB555, requires the translation of IPPs/IFSPs into native language. RCs will not receive extra funds to pay for the translations. This bill is also moving thru committees. An Employment First bill is also moving thru committee.
  • Annual Family Program Fee – has become law.
  • Community Placement Plan – DDS has not released the 2013-14 CPP allocation.
  • Budget Update – DDS is projecting that there will not be a deficiency in the system. Operations budget is being impacted by case load growth. LRC had a 5% of case load growth last year.
• The Board voted on a bylaw revision. The second Vice President position was never filled, therefore it was eliminated.
• The Way Forward – There will be an invitation only forum in April 2014 that will include representatives from other States to share their strategies to help California move forward while preserving the Lanterman Act.

OLD BUSINESS
SPAC Breakfast
Ms. Doughty stated that all is arranged for the breakfast. Committee members were reminded that the assembly of goodie bags will be at AbilityFirst on October 5, after the SPAC meeting.

LDC Closure Update
Ms. Ingram reported that as of today, there are 19 LRC clients remaining at LDC. The official closure date is December 2014.

NEW BUSINESS
SPAC Nominations
SPAC terms ending in October 2013 were reviewed and Members were asked to complete a form indicating their interest in continuing on SPAC. Ms. Ingram gave details on the terms, conditions and process of becoming a SPAC member. It is anticipated that there will be a couple of vacancies on the committee in the near future. Membership Applications were available for potential candidates.

Zero Tolerance Policy
Ms. Ingram shared that the State’s contract with LRC added language that requires a Zero Tolerance Policy for regional centers as well as providers. The LRC policy must be posted on the web by 10/1/13. All vendors and long term health care facilities must be notified of the LRC policy and have their own policy that is shared with their staff upon hire and annually thereafter. Providers serving clients are required to report to the appropriate entities any incident or allegation of suspected abuse or neglect and upon becoming aware of this suspect of abuse or neglect, take immediate action to ensure the health and safety of the client and all others receiving services. LRC legal counsel is
developing a Zero Tolerance Policy and will also draft a Zero Tolerance Policy template for LRC providers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS
- DDS Director, Terry Delgadillo, announced she will retire at the end of the year.
- Invitations for the Art Study Program open house at ECF were available.

UPCOMING MEETING SITES FOR 2013
October 2 – AbilityFirst – Pasadena
November 6 – Annual Breakfast @ Brookside Golf Course
December 4 – Easter Seals – Glendale

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am

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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting

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