

FRANK D. LANTERMAN REGIONAL CENTER

Strategic Planning Meeting

February 13, 2013

MINUTES

PRESENT

Sharon Shueman
Bill Murphy
Marjorie Heller

NOT PRESENT

Rose Chacana
Ray Lemus, Chair
Louis Mitchell

STAFF

Diane Anand
Karen Ingram
Melinda Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER

In Mr. Lemus' absence, the meeting was called to order by Ms. Heller at 6:09 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 10, 2012 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

The Committee agreed that from now on, they would like the minutes to be sent to them shortly after the meetings so that they can review and give input as soon as possible.

NATIONAL CORE INDICATORS

Ms. Anand reminded the Committee of the State's commitment to use the National Core Indicators to assess quality outcomes in California, replacing the Life Quality Assessment interview approach. The NCI was developed and is sponsored by the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services (NASDDDS) and the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI). The Committee selected the health, medication, and wellness chapters from the report to review. They compared the Lanterman data to all other regional centers and discussed certain items that stood out. Dr. Shueman noted that this report leaves a lot of questions unanswered. The committee was informed that the entire report is available online if they would like to read it in its entirety.

At the next meeting, Dr. Shueman will present a report on disparities in services across ethnic and language groups of clients.

THE WAY FORWARD REPORT

Dr. Shueman reported that we have been working on The Way Forward project since summer of 2012. Fourteen regional centers gathered to strategize about the way forward for the regional center system. This process began with an internet survey in which people in the developmental community were invited to participate and were asked questions about regional centers and services. There were also focus groups with clients and there were a series of interviews of experts in the field. A total of 9 interviews were conducted. A report was written and Dr. Shueman offered the following generalizations from this:

- Nobody believes that there will be increased funding for DD services for the foreseeable future.
- Managed care organizations and self-directed services were the two issues that constantly came up in the interviews.
- There is resistance to managed care from providers.
- Many states are looking at self-directed services and individualized budgeting.
- People think individualized budgeting saves money (but it hasn't been proven).
- Integrated Care Model comes up a lot. This is a model similar to managed care but without a managed care organization. Instead service providers all come together and take responsibility for a group of clients.
- All states are looking at what they are spending and are trying to replace state funds with federal funds, cutting rates, and shifting cost to private insurance companies.
- It is recognized that it is critical to allow time to make changes and include stakeholders in the process.

Dr. Shueman and Ms. Anand will keep the committee updated on the progress of The Way Forward.

2012 FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The committee reviewed the *Lanterman Regional Center Performance on Indicators Identified by DDS: How Things Have Changed for LRC Since 2004*. Dr. Shueman highlighted that all of the stats indicate that Lanterman is heading in a positive direction as evidence by consistent improvement over the 9 years that we have been tracking these indicators.

Ms. Ingram reported that DDS released the 2013 housing guidelines and they were effective January 2, 2013. She summarized that the guidelines are very restrictive and controlling. The timelines are also very vague.

Regarding goal 16 of the Performance Plan, *maintain current CDERS and Early Start Reports for all regional center clients*, the Committee agreed that for 2013, a note will be added explaining that DDS is currently unable to provide the Early Start Report data required for regional centers to monitor their performance on this goal.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled on May 8, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

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