

FRANK D. LANTERMAN REGIONAL CENTER

Strategic Planning Meeting

May 9, 2012

MINUTES

PRESENT

Ray Lemus, Chair
Marjorie Heller
Lois Mitchell
Sharon Shueman

STAFF

Diane Anand
Karen Ingram
Melinda Sullivan

NOT PRESENT

Mary Bakchachyan
Rose Chacana

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lemus at 6:03 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction to the minutes: Ms. Sullivan was present at the meeting.

The minutes of February 8, 2012 were reviewed and approved by consensus with the above noted correction.

REVIEW 2012 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT Q1 AND FINAL REVIEW OF 2011 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

The Committee reviewed the 2012 Q1 Performance Contract and the 2011 Q4 Performance Contract side by side. Ms. Anand, Ms. Sullivan, and Ms. Ingram reviewed the documents and answered questions.

Dr. Shueman will e-mail the Performance Contract annual report showing year over year results to the Committee.

Ms. Ingram updated the Committee about Project Search. This is a licensed model of employment offering internship opportunities. Foothill Vocational of Pasadena is participating and they currently have six clients with internships at Variety magazine. The goal is to increase the number of adults who are employed

Discussion followed.

DISPARITIES PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Anand reported that there was an article in the LA Times regarding disparities in services for minority children at Regional Centers. On April 30, 2012 the California Senate committee on autism and related disorders had a hearing regarding this issue; both barriers to service and possible solutions.

Ms. Anand stated that before the hearing, the Center began to look at this issue internally. The data from the LA Times article was shared with two separate focus groups consisting of staff and peer-support parents. There was a consensus among the groups regarding the issues. Notes from these meetings were summarized in a document which was also distributed to the Committee. This document was shared with six service providers and the Committee received a copy of the answers from one provider who had the most comprehensive response.

Ms. Anand met with the Executive Director of “The Magnolia Place” initiative. This is a group of community agencies that has come together to serve the children in a specific geographic area. The disparity notes were shared with them. The next step is to return to the Magnolia Place and give them more information about the Regional Center.

At the Center, Dr. Shueman and Ms. Sullivan looked at 94 randomly selected clients between the ages of 3 and 12 and focused on which services they receive and how much is being spent on each client. The results of this audit were consistent with the findings in the LA Times article. These results have also been shared with staff. Ms. Anand stated that more information is still being gathered. Discussion followed.

Ms. Anand stated that this information will be shared with other regional centers.

PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

Ms. Anand reported that the performance plan for 2013, which is presented at the community meetings, is pending the governor’s May revision to the budget. Once the information is available, it will be shared with the Committee.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

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