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FDLRC POS MEETING 3/12/24

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Good afternoon, my name is Ada Hamer, I am an Associate Clients' Rights Advocate with the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy. I would like to thank the Regional Center for providing us with these meetings and the Promotora Program, which is great help for our consumers/families. While this is a great start, there is still work to do.

I would like to share some observation of the data:

In reviewing the data for 2022-2023 year, the total amount of authorized spending for services per capita for the Hispanic/Latinx population is actually reduced compared to last year's data.

For example:

In 2022-2023:

There are 6,595 Hispanic/Latinx consumers. This is 460 more consumers than the year before. The total per capita expenditure is $22,076.
There are 4,356 white consumers. This is 92 more consumers than the year before. The total per capita authorized expenditure is $41,041.
White consumers receive almost twice the amount of per capita authorized services.

Compare this to 2021-2022:

There were 6,135 Hispanic/Latinx consumers. The total per capita authorized expenditures were $24,255.

There were 4,264 white consumers. Yet, there total per capita authorized expenditures were $37,613.

The gap actually increased between these two years, even though the Hispanic/Latinx growth outpaced that for white consumers.

This gap is not explained by COVID, because it existed before then. In 2018-2019, the per capita authorized services for Hispanic/Latinx people were $13,594, while for white consumers, it was $26,104 – almost double. This gap is also seen looking at ethnicity and residence type – home.

Why is there a discrepancy in the expenditure & authorized services per capita between the Hispanic/Latinx population and the white population when the Hispanic/Latinx population is the single largest group served by LRC?