

**INLAND REGIONAL CENTER
VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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MINUTES

JUNE 19, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Johana Caicedo, Infant/Children Programs: Lynn De Anda, Day Programs: Donna Gimm, Member at Large: Mark Hendren, SLS: Robert Horrigan, Member at Large: Gregory Mathes, Vocational Programs: Amanda McGuire, Member at Large: April Stewart, Respite: Lorraine Von Deauxplette, Transportation.

GUESTS PRESENT: Dianna Anderson, Desert Arc; Naomi Arroyo, PCI; Catherine Bennage, PCI; Shelly Dawson, Independent Options; Kayava Lenoir, CA Mentor; Liliana McDonough, Creative Home Programs; Sade Agunleye, CA Mentor; Denise Paller, OPARC; Tamica Rachal, SCDD; Serena Saints, E & CO; Tammi Simpson, CA Mentor; Nicolette Smith, Westview Services; Tiki Thompson, CPES; Yvette Torres, Premier Healthcare; Andrea Wells, Exceed; Bruce Wilson, If I Need Help.

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Cummings, Lindsey Haussamen, Rosie Martinez, Vince Toms.

INTRODUCTIONS: Ms. McGuire called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and introductions of the committee were made.

MINUTES: Motion made to approve minutes of April 17, 2017 with corrections: Pg. 2, line 3, plan is under way should say plan is under review and line 7, facilitate IPI's should say facilitate PIP's: M/S/C Von Horrigan/Stewart.

REGIONAL CENTER UPDATE: Mr. Toms reported that even though the state of California has made Marijuana legal, we still cannot have it in our programs nor our facilities. The fence will be removed from around building 3; three units will be moving in. Anyone coming to the agency must be on our list of visitors and must check in. The respite cap has been removed but camp and social recreation were not restored. The Disparity report showed that Hispanics and those with Autism are under served in our area. Inland is working to better serve those sections of the community. There are those who would like respite but are not comfortable if they cannot get a worker that speaks their language. The families need to feel comfortable with the respite provider. There are about 45 to 50 homes that would like to decrease capacity since the ARM rate was changed. Less consumers in the home means a better quality of living. There are about 10 homes waiting to be licensed. Sacramento now does the licensing for the state and is about 8 months behind. It has been a challenge for those seeking out of home respite. Once a home goes to a 4 bed rate, they cannot take a 5th person even if just for the weekend. As of July 1st, Inlands website will be changing. It will be much more functional for vendors. There will be a button for e-billing. All updates will be posted to the website under the provider section. CMS has been pushed back to March of 2022. The behavioral health transition did not go smoothly. An example: Inland paid for services for 3 months for consumers that had already transitioned to IEHP. Inland reported to DDS what happened and instead of having to collect the money from vendors, DDS will not require the money be paid back. Eight vendors

received the HCBS compliance funding. Seven of the eight contracts are complete and ready for signature. We are waiting for DDS to give the subcode before signing. The two trainings at SGPRC for day programs were well attended. We are looking to do more next year. Some families would like the paid internships to be like school. Those 18 to 22 are eligible to participate. We want to get paid internships into school districts.

FINANCIAL: No Report.

Vendor Category Report:

- 1) **Day Program:** Ms. De Anda reported the providers met last Wednesday. IRC employment specialists, Beth Crane and Andrew Burdick attended. They discussed PIP's and how it affects the day programs. They talked about the integration of CMS and how it will affect their programming; they still have questions. Monica Siegers participated in the meeting also and discussed CMS surveys. There is a lack of documentation regarding what is being done with the consumers and their services. Next meeting is August 16th.
- 2) **Health Facilities:** Ms. Shelly Dawson reported for Ms. Clarke. Last meeting was held May 17th. A licensing surveyor attended to discuss the new health and safety codes. Licensing is switching up the surveyors: those that were surveying skilled nursing facilities are now surveying ICF's and vice versa. No date yet for next meeting.
- 3) **Infant/Children's Program:** Ms. Caicedo reported on the pre-vacs of May 8th and June 19th. The Early Start interagency meeting was conflicting with the Pre-Vac. The interagency meeting will not meet quarterly starting in July and the Pre-Vacs will be held monthly. Early Start will have an audit the week of July 10th; DDS may want to visit some programs. IRC Managers and Directors met and will be adding new subcodes to the 805 vendor code for Intakes, On-going and Redetermination. These will affect courtesy vendors. There will be a free ½ day workshop on July 25th at the Sheraton in Ontario regarding Reflective Practice and Supervision. Also discussed were Intensive Programs, Make up Policy, DayC Scoring, Parent Coaching, Recording Sessions and visits at daycare.
- 4) **Residential Service L2-L3:** No Report.
- 5) **Residential Service L4:** No Report.
- 6) **Respite Program:** Ms. Stewart reported the Respite providers met May 9th at the Bleu Pitt Café. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of odd months. They discussed AB1380; main concern is the 85% threshold for direct services. Since the meeting, AB1380 has been amended to remove this piece of the bill. There are concerns about the separate rate study for respite since ABX2-1 is already doing this for all providers. They talked about ABX2-1 example survey that was released by DDS for feedback. The providers were encouraged to send feedback to DDS regarding what they liked and what they did not. The providers wanted to know if they needed to complete anything in order to receive the retro pay or will it be automatic. They discussed LiveScans versus backgrounds via other methods. It is difficult to get preferred providers to do LiveScan which can make it difficult for those families to be able to choose their own provider. Next meeting is on July 11th at 9:30 a.m. at the Bleu Pitt Café.
- 7) **SLS:** Mr. Hendren reported on the Pre-Vac of June 8th. They discussed the rate justification survey as some had questions. They talked about the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals which is a group of advocates supporting those providing direct support to the elderly and the disabled. Providing direct support is the fastest growing profession in the country at this time. They also have a 70% turnover rate. Also discussed was federally funded housing and the new Marijuana laws which could affect consumers because they cannot be in possession of Marijuana in federally funded housing. Next meeting date has not been determined.

- 8) **Specialist/Support Programs:** No Report.
- 9) **Transportation:** Ms. Von Deauxplette reported on the Pre-Vac of May 18th. They discussed contracts and the new TSR referral system. They also discussed the GoBiz tax credits that anyone can apply for. They talked about day program pick up and drop off times. They are requesting feedback from day programs if there are issues. The new transportation representative will assume the duties at the next meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for July 20th at 10:30 a.m. at Back to the Grind Coffee House.
- 10) **Vocational Programs:** Mr. Mathes gave updates on the last Pre-Vac of June 14th. Andrew Burdick and Beth Crane are meeting with vendors to promote CIE and PIP. IRC is collaboration with LEA's to promote CIE and PIP. IRC and DOR are entering into LPA's to support CIE and PIP; the LPA will determine the responsibilities for USD, DOR and IRC. IRC is asking SE vendors to provide job coaching to consumers in PIP's through the USD and SELPA. IRC would like the PIP to be used for students and consumers who are either CIE ready or who reflect the ability to become CIE ready. Joyce Holzer and Pauline Pina from DOR attended to give updates: DOR will focus their LPA activities on the individual; Some vendors are concerned that employers are reluctant to hire the student/consumer at the end of the PIP so vendors are urged to develop a contract or MOU between themselves and the employer outlining the desired outcome; DOR is in the process of vrending a sufficient number of qualified vendors to conduct ESA's; ESA rates may increase in the fall due to the new minimum wage requirement; DOR and partners will host a public teleconference on June 20th at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the LPA process under the California CIE blueprint. The phone number is (800) 369-2030 and the passcode is 8107718. Next meeting will be held on August 9th at 10 a.m. at IRC if available or at VIP if not.
- 11) **Behavioral Mod:** No Report.
- 12) **Member At Large:** Ms. McGuire had nothing to report; Mr. Horrigan had nothing to report; Ms. Gimm commented that the trainings held at SGPRC were well received. The providers would like more opportunities for trainings.

Committee Reports

- 1) **Legislative Committee Report:** Ms. Jennifer Cummings handed out a summary of legislative regarding the budget, bills that have passed, bills that are still pending and bills that have failed.
- 2) **Membership Committee Report:** Mr. Horrigan reported there are still vacancies on the committee for Health Facilities, Residential Level 4 and Behavioral Modification. An application was submitted for the transportation representative.
Motion made to approve Felecia Arnold as the new Transportation Representative: M/S/C DeAnda/Horrigan.
- 3) **California Service Advisory Committee Chairs (CASACC):** No Report.

Training Offering: Sensory Processing Workshop, September 8, 2017 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at California Mentor/Creative Home Programs 9065 Haven Avenue #100, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730. RSVP by September 8, 2017 to Esmeralda Rodriguez at 909-890-3413 or erodriguez@inlandrc.org.

Casa Colina and OPARC are still offering the Assistive Technology Training Services for vendors.

Resources: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Input: None

Next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2017 at 10:00 am at CA Mentor, 9166 Anaheim Place, Suite 200, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730.