

**INLAND REGIONAL CENTER
VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Desert Arc
73-255 Country Club Dr.
Palm Desert, CA 92260**

MINUTES

February 13, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn De Anda, Day Programs: Robert Horrigan, Member at Large: Gregory Mathes, Vocational Programs: Amanda McGuire, Member at Large: Donita Remington, Member at Large: Victor Sanchez, Residential Services Level 2-3: April Stewart, Respite Programs: Lorraine Von Deauxplette, Transportation.

GUESTS PRESENT: Dianna Anderson, Desert Arc; Sharon Barton-Maggio, In-Roads; Erika Bradley, Junior Blind; Marie chatman, Exceed; Josie clemente, Ability Counts; Victor Clemente, Ability Counts; Dawn Donelson, Desert Arc; Tracy Fakhouri, Pathway, Inc.; Ruth Goodsell, Desert Arc; Mariann Guerrero, VIP; Karen Jones, VIP; Keyava Lenoir, CA Mentor; Sapna McDonald, SVS; Bob McGuire, Pathway, Inc.; Tena Meinders, Salem Christian Homes; April Mora, Desert Arc; Edna Napier, Easter Seals; Angelique Ontiveros, Desert Arc; Tammi Simpson, CA Mentor; Xavier Solis, Cambrian Home Care; Adriana Sosa, Junior Blind; Andrea Wells, Exceed; Mitzie Yodites, BOT.

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Hamler, Lindsey Haussamen, Rosie Martinez, Don Meza, Dan Moore, Vince Toms.

INTRODUCTIONS: Ms. McGuire called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

MINUTES: Motion made to approve minutes of October 17, 2016 with correction made to page 1, under introductions, should read Ms. McGuire, not Ms. Simpson: M/S/C De Anda/Von Deauxplette.

REGIONAL CENTER UPDATE: Mr. Meza reported regional center is hiring new staff to reduce caseload ratios and new program managers to manage the new staff. Inland is the largest regional center and has close to 33,000 consumers. Inland is working to improve and streamline the Intake process as well as the Transfer process.

Vendor Category Report:

- 1) **Day Program:** Ms. Vizcarra reported they met last Wednesday. Mr. Toms attended to give updates. There is still some confusion with all the changes. They are experiencing some issues with receiving IPP's and CDER's from Inland. Next meeting is April 5th at 2:00 p.m. at OPARC.
- 2) **Health Facilities:** Ms. McGuire reported for Ms. Clarke. The providers met November 16th. They discussed the changes occurring within the district offices for the Department of Health related to supervisors; issues occurring related to survey procedures. They still have questions regarding documentation errors for medications and why they are being reported to the Department of Health when Title 22 says it is reportable to regional center. Next meeting is March 15th at 1:30 p.m. at JonBec.

- 3) **Infant/Children's Program:** Ms. McGuire reported for Ms. Caicedo. The providers met in November. Staff from IRC's POS department attended to answer questions. There will be an Infant Development Association Conference in Costa Mesa on March 3rd and 4th. CA Mentor will be hosting their 6th Annual Autism Fest on April 8th. Next meeting will be April 10th.
- 4) **Residential Service L2-L3:** Mr. Sanchez reported the providers met November 17th after the provider training. They discussed aging in place. They will meet with Mr. Toms and others from Inland to try and resolve. They also discussed the difficulty of finding a day program for those with behaviors. Next meeting has not been determined.
- 5) **Residential Service L4:** No Report.
- 6) **Respite Program:** Ms. Stewart reported on the Pre-Vac of last month. They discussed three main topics: the minimum wage increase and the 81 cent shift differential that is unique to Respite vendors. Vendors are reminded to use the correct spreadsheet if they qualify for an increase; the CDSA lawsuit for the 5.82% to go back to October 1st; respite audits and the possibility that they may be again required yearly for all vendors. Next meeting is March 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the Blue Pit Café.
- 7) **SLS:** No Report.
- 8) **Specialist/Support Programs:** No Report.
- 9) **Transportation:** Ms. Von Deauxplette reported on the January 19th meeting. They discussed insurance and had speakers from different agencies. They talked about having a transportation vendor fair, contract renewal and the changes that are coming. They are asking day programs to put closure dates on the IRC website so transporters can tell which programs are open and which are not. Next meeting is March 17th at 10:30 a.m. at Back to the Grind Coffee House.
- 10) **Vocational Programs:** Mr. Mathes reported on the Pre-Vac of January 17th. Vince attended to give updates on SE, HCBS and WIOA. Joyce Holzer of DOR attended to give updates; DOR is receiving referrals for an assessment for those 24 and younger; a pilot project is starting to develop an assessment tool for those 24 and younger focusing on the vocational discovery process, situational assessment, work experience and vocational planning; an ad hoc committee is being set up to take input on the pilot project and its outcomes; DOR has hired Maria Shepard to render the CCI&R services; DOR is identifying a new liaison for SE; Individuals 24 and younger who are non-CIE ready will not be referred to SMW SE group placement; DOR is developing new services in response to WIOA; individuals 25 and older, referred for SE enclave placement must be on a 2 year or less plan to CIE otherwise they will be referred to regional center. Casa Colina and OPARC are starting assistive technology training for vendors, SLP's and care givers. More details to follow.
- 11) **Behavioral Mod:** No Report.
- 12) **Member At Large:** Ms. McGuire had nothing to report, Mr. Horrigan had nothing to report, Ms. Remington mentioned the e-mail addresses of employees were no longer posted on IRC's website. Mr. Meza will look into the issue.

Committee Reports

- 1) **Legislative Committee Report:** No Report but updates are on the ARCA website at <http://arcanet.org/legislation/bill-file.html>
- 2) **Membership Committee Report:** Mr. Horrigan reported there are vacancies for Level 4 Residential and Transportation. As of June, Ms. McGuire, Ms. Von Deauxplette and Ms. Clarke will term out. If interested in a position, please contact Mr. Horrigan.
- 3) **California Service Advisory Committee Chairs (CASACC):** Ms. McGuire had no report.

Training Offering: Alternative and Augmentative Communication Training. Contact jkamau@oparc.org is interested.

Resources: None

Old Business: Mr. Toms gave updates on WIOA, CMS, SE and ABX2-1. Updates are on IRC's website.

New Business: None

Public Input: None

Next meeting is scheduled for April 17 2017 at 10:00 am at PVW 4650 Brooks Street, Montclair, CA 91763.