

**INLAND REGIONAL CENTER
VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**PVW
4650 Brooks St.
Montclair, CA 91763**

MINUTES

April 17, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Clarke, Health Facilities; Lynn De Anda, Day Programs; Donna Gimm, Member at Large; Mark Hendren, SLS; Gregory Mathes, Vocational Programs; Amanda McGuire, Member at Large; Doug McKown, Specialist/Support Programs; Donita Remington, Member at Large; Victor Sanchez, Residential Services Level 2-3; Lorraine Von Deauxplette, Transportation.

GUESTS PRESENT: Dianna Anderson, Desert Arc; Dolly Arguello, PVW; Catherine Bennage, PCI; Ericka Crowder, CA Mentor; Mitch Gariador, PVW; Miralu Gilderneu, Special Ed Educator; Ruth Goodsell, Desert Arc; Karen Jones, VIP; Kayava Lenoir, CA Mentor; Isabel McDaniel, PVW; Shannon Meehan, SCDD; Tena Meinders, Salem; Denise Paller, OPARC; Terri Perkins, PVW; Cindi Raimondi, ABLE, Inc., Tammi Simpson, CA Mentor; Tiki Thompson, CPES; Yvette Torres, Premier Healthcare; Andrea Wells, Exceed; Lucy Yamas-Cortez, PVW.

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Cummings, Daisy Felix, Lindsey Haussamen, Amelia Maldonado, Dan Moore, Silvia Ramirez, Monica Siegers, Vince Toms, Kevin Urtz.

INTRODUCTIONS: Ms. McGuire called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and introductions were made.

MINUTES: Motion made to approve minutes of February 13, 2017: M/S/C Von Deauxplette/Sanchez.

REGIONAL CENTER UPDATE: Mr. Urtz reported building 3 should be complete in May. Lots of construction was needed due to water damage. Building 3 will no longer be rented out. Coffee and More will return. Sections A and B will not be used but section C will be. The library will now be the Board Room. The main entrance will be on Waterman. The opening will be low key, thus there will be no re-opening ceremony. Inland continues to grow with over 33,000 consumers. Hiring continues for growth and vacancies. Next week the DDS audit will begin at Inland. The audit will take five weeks. The Another Way Golf Tournament will take place in May.

FINANCIAL: No Report. Hopefully Ms. Steuwer will be available to attend the June meeting.

Vendor Category Report:

- 1) **Day Program:** Ms. De Anda reported on the Pre-Vac held on the 5th. Vince Toms attended with Beth Crane and Andrew Burdick to give updates and to discuss the internship program. Next meeting is June 14th.

- 2) **Health Facilities:** Ms. Clarke reported on the Pre-Vac of March. The group discussed openings in San Bernardino and Riverside, the new requirements for the regional center portals for SIR's; must download and save. The Portals cannot be tracked like e-mail. They discussed the HS231 reporting and a replacement for the Health Facilities representative as Ms. Clarke's term will be over in June; no offers yet. The new operations manager for Peppermint Ridge was introduced. Next meeting is May 17th.
- 3) **Infant/Children's Program:** No Report.
- 4) **Residential Service L2-L3:** Mr. Sanchez reported on the groups last Pre-Vac. They discussed aging in place and the difficulties they are having. Mr. Toms advised them to request a level of care change for health and safety purposes. They are having issues with behavior day programs as the programs are sending consumers home for having behaviors; Communication is encouraged between all parties. Issues have arisen with adapting to the needs of those with dementia. Next meeting is to be determined.
- 5) **Residential Service L4:** No Report.
- 6) **Respite Program:** No Report.
- 7) **SLS:** Mr. Hendren reported on the April 13th Pre-Vac. They discussed the internship program, the Mesa college program of online classes for providers and new employees, the process for consumers who do not agree with the outcomes of meetings; they can request another meeting before a notice of action. The providers are requesting an in-service to learn how to write case notes to justify services. There is confusion between independent living skills training and services.
- 8) **Specialist/Support Programs:** Mr. McKown reported his group met in February. They have concerns with authorizations not being in the system. CSC's will report the service has been approved and the authorization will be coming so services are provided but they cannot be billed for yet and Inland will not back date an authorization. They are requesting help with this issue. Next meeting is June 14th at 10:00 a.m.
- 9) **Transportation:** Ms. Von Deauxplette reported on the transportation Pre-Vac of March 16th. They discussed the DOT numbers and updating the system with correct information. Contracts up for renewal were reviewed. They talked about the gas tax that was raised and the GoBiz website for state tax credits. They discussed the 89c being online and how to access it; they have some recommendations also. There is a possible candidate to assume the transportation representative position in June since Ms. Von Deauxplette's term will be up. Next meeting is June 17th at Back to the Grind Coffee Shop.
- 10) **Vocational Programs:** Mr. Mathes reported on the groups Pre-Vac of April 12th. Mr. Toms attended and gave updates: IRC continues to use the federal version of the HCBS self-survey, IRC has partnered with SGPRC to use their program design, The state HCBS Transition plan is under way, IRC and SGPRC are sponsoring a specialized employment training with Rick McAllister on May 19th., Beth Crane and Andrew Burdick are Inland's new employment specialists, the need to amend IPP's to include the new SEG paid lunch protocol, the new referral process for persons 24 and under was reviewed, IRC is coordinating with school districts to facilitate IPI's and CIE's in conjunction with the Cal Promise Grants. Joyce Holzer and Pauline Pina from DOR attended to give updates: The California "CIE Blueprint for Change" is in the final stages of approval and Disability Rights of California has been approved for Pre-Employment Transition. Mr. Mathes reminded everyone that Casa Colina and OPARC have initiated assistive technology training services for vendors.
- 11) **Behavioral Mod:** No Report.

- 12) **Member At Large:** Ms. McGuire had nothing to report; Ms. Remington had nothing to report; Ms. Gimm had nothing to report.

Committee Reports

- 1) **Legislative Committee Report:** Ms. Jennifer Cummings gave a summary report of proposed bills to watch: SB 283- raises the age of eligibility to 22 years, AB 959- Vendor list, out-of-area vendors, AB 1380- Respite rates, vendorization, background checks, AB 1610- document provision, nonrequired services, BHT parent participation, respite/suspended services, AB 1607- Tailored Day Services.
- 2) **Membership Committee Report:** Ms. McGuire reported there is still a need for a representative for Behavior Modification, Residential Level 4, Health Facilities; if interested, e-mail Bob Horrigan or Amanda McGuire.
- 3) **California Service Advisory Committee Chairs (CASACC):** Ms. McGuire reported on Grass Roots Day. Eleven visits were made. Seventeen Regional Centers participated. A consumer from School of Hope made aluminum foil dinosaurs and handed them out at the visits. The visits went well.

Training Offering: Ms. Shannon Meehan, of SCDD reported there will be an IHSS training on May 17th at Molina in San Bernardino. On the SCDD website is a list of services they provide to consumers. Also provided are trainings on the IPP process, IHSS, bullying, the appeal process. If anyone has a need for a training, and there are 10 or more needing this training, they can ask SCDD for the training. Their website is sanbernardino@scdd.ca.gov. The state council also has grants available. Please see their website for information.

Resources: None

Old Business: Mr. Toms gave updates on WIOA, CMS, SE and ABX2-1. Updates are on IRC's website. Mr. Toms reported there will be a revamp of the 612/ABA programs in the next few months and the 102's will be reviewed later this year. Changes are coming for transportation. Inland had 8 grantees out of the group to receive ABX grant money. We are still waiting to hear who the recipients are.

New Business: Ms. Amelia Maldonado reported that Inland is using FaceBook, Instagram and Twitter to get updates/information out to consumers, families and the vendor community. Ms. Daisy Felix of IRC handed out a flyer for the CAC Casino Night which will be held on June 30th. The event will be open to consumers, their friends and family. The cost is \$10. The venue is large and can accommodate many. Transportation may be a possibility and is being reviewed.

Public Input: None

Next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2017 at 10:00 am at Mentor 9166 Anaheim Place, Suite 200, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730.