

**INLAND REGIONAL CENTER
VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Inland Regional Center Conference Center
1425 S. Waterman
San Bernardino, CA 92408**

MINUTES

June 17, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Felecia Arnold, Transportation: Johana Caicedo, Infant/Childrens Programs: Paul Castanedo, SLS: Lynn De Anda, Day Programs: Donna Gimm, Member at Large: Robert Horrigan, Member at Large: Mumbi Kairu, Residential Services Level 4: Doug McKown, Specialist/Support Programs: Velia Partida, Vocational Programs: Donita Remington, Member at Large: April Stewart, Respite Programs.

GUESTS PRESENT: Florence Arneccillo, OPARC: Rod Bollins, Salem: Darlene Bujanda, AOK-SLS/ILS: Jessica Carbonaro, CBEM: Ann Clark, VNL ARE: Shannine Crockett, OPARC: Claude Foster, OPARC: Eموke Fox, Desert ARC: Mark Hendren, CIN: Sheena Henderson, Ascend Beyond: Karen Jones, VIP: Sharon Jones, Home Instead: Hal K., 123 Home Care: Adbullah Koupsi, Mountain View Family Home Inc.: Najiba Koupsi, Mountain View Family Home Inc.: Kayava Lenoir, CA Mentor: Liliana McDonough, CA Mentor: Bob McGuire, Pathway: Dashawn Park, CA Mentor: Terri Perkins, Anthesis: Ray R., 123 Homecare: Cindi Raimondi, ABLE Inc.: Pam Reeves, Home Instead: Louie Rivera, OPARC: Fred Robinson, ARC Riverside: David Satterwhite, VNL: Elise Smith, 24 Hr. Homecare: Donisha Stevenson, CBEM: Quinn Tran, Salem: Nadia Valencia, CA Mentor: Elvia Vasquez, A.B.L.E.: Lucy Yamas-Cortez, Anthesis.

IRC STAFF PRESENT: Syed Ahmad, Dalila Balderas, Carolina Betancourt, Minerva De La Rosa, Eric Hamler, Lindsey Haussamen, Amanda McGuire, Monica Siegers, Vince Toms, Kevin Urtz, Jonathan Vasquez.

INTRODUCTIONS: Ms. Remington called the meeting to order at 10:05 and introductions of the committee and the attendees were made.

MINUTES: Motion made to approve minutes of April 15, 2019: M/S/C Gimm/Stewart, Ms. De Anda abstained.

Vendor Category Report:

- 1) **Day Program:** Ms. De Anda reported on the Pre-Vac of June 12th. They have concerns when consumers need to be picked or drop off early due to personal reasons or behaviors. There needs to be a time frame and they need to know what is expected. It was said it should be an hour window unless extreme circumstances. There is some confusion with social security, and they are working on having someone from social security attend their next Pre-Vac. Next meeting is August 14th at 2:00 at IRC.
- 2) **Health Facilities:** Mr. Horrigan reported for Ms. Dawson: The providers met May 15th. Brain Tremain and Brooke Chambers attended. They discussed the ICF rates and transportation rates from the rate study which could affect the ICF's; hiring and maintaining staff; licensing trends and problem solving; ICF openings (several providers have had openings for several months); IRC's calendar of events for consumers; location of Pre-Vac meeting for the rest of the year and next to be held at IRC now due to the request of several providers. Next meeting is July 17th at 1:30 at JonBec.

- 3) **Infant/Children's Program:** Ms. Caicedo reported they met on April 22nd. She stated the Children's programs were not included in the increase. The inter-agency council is working on offering training to parents and vendors throughout the year. The next training will be held on September 9th and will include speech therapy. Ms. Webster has asked the providers to please stay on top of billing. The next Pre-Vac meeting will be on June 24th at 9:30 at Creative Home Programs.
- 4) **Residential Service L2-L3:** No Report.
- 5) **Residential Service L4:** Ms. Kairu reported the providers met on April 25th for a meet and greet. Seventeen providers attended. They discussed the rate study and the providers were encouraged to call their legislative representatives to give their feedback. The group is still discussing the best time to meet.
- 6) **Respite Program:** Ms. Stewart reported on the Pre-Vac of May 14th. They had a Q & A session. They discussed authorizations and how to handle agency respite. Pending item: providers had asked at last meeting if there was a way to get the IRC phone listing. They were told no, but it was given to them in the past. The providers do not know to whom the authorization went to nor are they able to find out who the CSC is when cases transfer. It would help them a lot to have the list. The QA liaison has been helping them find the new CSC when a case transfer. Families have reported to the providers they do not get a person when they call the main number at IRC. The July Meeting has been cancelled due to fiscal rollover so the next meeting will be September 10th. They will have email contact between meetings.
- 7) **SLS:** See attachment for report from Mr. Castanedo.
- 8) **Specialist/Support Programs:** Mr. McKown reported his group has not met. They did discuss via email the rate study and the issues with it. Unless something is really pressing, they do not intend to have a face to face meeting, but they will have email contact.
- 9) **Transportation:** Ms. Arnold reported they met on May 23rd. They had an SIR training with Colleen Tejada. They discussed the service rate and the need for more information. Concerns for the providers are high insurance, gas prices and the next minimum wage increase. They are having an issue with finding competitive insurance premiums as many insurance carriers will not cover them. Ms. Arnold has encouraged the providers who still have questions or issues with the rate study to call their legislators. Next meeting is July 25th.
- 10) **Vocational Programs:** Ms. Partida reported on the Pre-Vac of June 12th. They discussed the budget and the supplemental rate increases. They talked about self-determination; updates are on IRC's website and on DDS website. They talked about the Vendor/Employer panel to meet with IRC for discussion on supported employment challenges. Andrew Burdick gave updates on Paid Internship Program, Customized Employment and Community Integration.
- 11) **Behavioral Mod:** No Report
- 12) **Member At Large:** Mr. Horrigan had nothing to report, Ms. Remington had nothing to report nor did Ms. Gimm.

Committee Reports

- 1) **Legislative Committee Report:** Detailed legislative was report handed out which was prepared by Ms. Cummings. If anyone has any questions about the report, they can email Ms. Cummings.

- 2) **Membership Committee Report:** Mr. Horrigan reported there is an opening for Behavioral Modification. They may have found someone interested in being the representative for Residential Level 2 & 3. Soon there will be an opening for Health Facilities.
- 3) **By-Laws Committee:** Ms. Remington reported the By-Laws have been approved by the Board of Trustees. She thanked the committee for their hard work. A planning/training meeting will be set to go over the new by-laws. An email will be sent to the representatives and they can share it with their group.

Regional Center Update: Mr. Toms addressed some concerns that were brought up in the Pre-Vac reports: 1.) Request for a list of IRC coordinators: The list was taken off the website due to spam. He will at what can be done. 2) The need for consistency: We will work on this. 3) Self Determination update: PCP was changed to PCT- Person Centered Training. Inland is vendoring with a provider who will train Inland. FMS must also be in place before we can start the self-determination program. We are looking for someone to provide this service. If no one signs with us, we can courtesy vendor with a provider from another regional center.

HCBS Compliance Funding for 2018-19. 316 total requests with awards to IRC vendors. Award for IRC was \$1.1M out of the \$15M total.

The awards were mostly for projects for PCT train the trainer, supports for HCBS compliance, staff to increase community integration and employment and transportation for individualized community access.

DDs updated the RC's regarding milestone expectations. The QA liaisons will be reviewing the progress of the awards quarterly, as well as the financial updates that go to Resource Development.

DDS timelines for CMS, surveys, site visits, state plan etc:

May to September of 2019-Hope to have the vendor self-assessment tool complete and start statewide vendor training on the tool.

September of 2019 to June of 2020-Will distribute the self-assessment tool done and part of the Statewide Transition Plan sent to CMS for final approval.

January 2020 to March 2021-On-site visits to vendors.

Budget for 19-20 passed on Thursday. Check the DDS website for the details. Today the Senate and Assembly will vote on the Trailer Bill Language, as updated and noted in AB 81.

Key Areas:

SLS and Camp not restored. This could hinder the RC's in their efforts to decrease the disparity in POS.

\$125M in General Fund (GF) for 19-20 budget and \$250M GF for the 20-21 budget and \$125M for the 21-22 budget for a supplemental rate increase, for specific providers. Payment period from 1-20 to 12-31-21. Sunset.

\$8.1M for DDS restructure. New structure of a Program Services Branch and Operations Branch. Vendor community can count on heightened DDS oversight.

Uniform Holiday Schedule is in suspense until 1-1-22.

Training Offering: None

Resources: None

Financial: Mr. Urtz reported Ms. Steuwer is working on the new allocation and should have an update at the next meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Input: None

Next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2019 at Inland Regional Center, 1425 S. Waterman Ave., San Bernardino. Check in at building 3.