

**INLAND REGIONAL CENTER
VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

October 17, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Audrey Andrade, Member at Large: Felecia Arnold, Transportation: Johana Caicedo, Infant/Children Programs: Marie Chatman, Vocational Programs: Michelle Clarke, Health Facilities: Jenn Delgado, Respite Programs: Doug McKown, Specialist/Support Programs: Rachel Stewart, Behavioral Mod Programs: April Stewart, Member at Large.

Ms.Stewart called the meeting to order at 9:04.

MINUTES: Motion made to approve minutes of September 19, 2022: M/S/C Delgado/Arnold.

Esteban Ortiz from SCDD gave an overview of up-coming events.

Vendor Category Report:

- 1. Day Program:** Ms. Stewart reported for Ms. De Anda on the Pre-Vac for Day programs and Behavioral Modification programs. They met last Wednesday. Andrew Burdick talked about the new DDS directives. He also reminded everyone that POS goes through the CSC. The providers are not getting notification on CSC changes. Providers are waiting for training on the Atlas system. They discussed TDS which may or may not work for providers due to the 1:1 or 2:1 requirement and staffing issues. They are waiting for DDS guidelines to be provided in writing. Once they receive the guidelines, Lynn, Marie and Rachel will work on gathering the information and provide a forum to discuss. They talked about Covid guidelines: testing and visitor expectations have changed but the 6-foot social distancing has not changed. They have questions regarding ASD ending in January: what if consumers want remote or virtual platforms still?
- 2. Health Facilities:** Ms. Clarke let Ms. Stewart know she would like to be included in the TDS forum group with Lynn, Marie and Rachel. She reported they met last week for their Pre-Vac. They talked about CalAim and their concerns with how it will roll out. They have concerns with contracts and rates for OT, PT and transportation. They have talked to Brian and Becky regarding CalAim and would like to hold a meeting at regional center regarding the contracts. The state says regional center is the point for CalAim. They talked about the Covid guidelines that were reinstated through the flu season. There are issues with consumers going back to day program and getting Covid. They start program and have to stop again which is hard on the consumers. They continue to have staffing issues.
- 3. Infant/Children's Program:** Ms. Caicedo reported on the Pre-Vac of September 26th. They talked about the Atlas system. Ms. Webster thanked the providers for their patience and understanding with the system change. They discussed the Covid protocols and the confusion since the 6-foot social distancing has not changed. They will continue to look to the CDC and state or local protocols. They talked about ASD and Traditional services. FRN will be providing an IEP training October 25th in English and on October

26th in Spanish. There will be a sensory workshop with Annette on November 8th. There will be a Transition Summit on November 14th with FRN. Next meeting is Monday at 8:30.

4. **Residential Service L2-L3:** No Report
5. **Residential Service L4:** No Report
6. **Respite Program:** Ms. Delgado reported she has no new updates. They will meet next week on the 26th at 10 am and the invite will be sent out soon.
7. **SLS:** No Report
8. **Specialist/Support Programs:** Mr. McKown reported he has no new updates. Providers can contact Doug via email with issues or questions.
9. **Transportation:** Ms. Arnold reported they met on the 14th. Providers are concerned that they have not gotten paid nor have they had an update on when they can bill for services they are providing to consumers. Gas is very high and not getting paid has created a hardship for many. For new TSR's, they will commit but will not be able to transport until they can get paid. Ms. McGuire let the providers know they are now processing authorizations as of this morning. They will let the CSC know when the authorization is processed and will include the transporters, facilities and programs in the email. Ms. McGuire will check with POS on the format needed for back dated billing.
10. **Vocational Program:** Ms. Chatman reported they met on the 12th and had 21 participants. TDS was the main topic. They were told by an advocacy group that DDS was coming out with a 1 page addendum for current program designs so the changes can be made to TDS. Ms. Chatman will be part of the forum on TDS once guidelines are received from DDS and regional center. Next meeting will be held on November 9th at 11 am.
11. **Behavioral Mod:** See report given by Ms. Steward for the Day Program report as the meeting was held together.
12. **Member At Large:** Ms. Andrade had nothing to report.

Committee Reports

- 1) **Legislative Committee Report:** No Report
- 2) **Membership Committee Report:** Ms. Stewart reported an application was received for the position of Residential Level 2 & 3. The Membership Committee voted to accept the application.

Motion made to accept Elizabeth Tunnermann as the Residential Level 2 & 3 representative M/S/C Arnold/McKown.

Regional Center Update: Mr. Toms was not in attendance but will be sending out a report to the representatives to send out to their service category.

Financial: Ms. Steuwer had no financial updates to give but added that CSC's are now inputting authorizations in Atlas and POS is bridging them. It is working well. The vendor portal is being developed. When up and running, providers will be able to see authorizations, their status etc. Rate increase questions go to Vendorization: Incorrect rate questions go to POS. DDS ebilling is down. A question was asked about software or a way to streamline the process. Answer: Their system is proprietary and would require DDS approval to modify or to look

at to try to modify. Question: Would an email suffice for the IDT meeting when going back to Traditional services if all parties are included in the email? Answer: An email does not ensure that all parties participated in the meeting. Need to have the IDT meeting. If having issues finding the most current CSC, go to IRC website under contact us, use the drop-down menu and choose contact case manager. This sends an email to the current CSC and PM. Ms. Alloway reminded the providers that Vendorization is requesting updated documents from providers which is required every 2 years by DDS. These are standard forms DDS requires and is not a new vendor packet. Question: Any update on the \$8000 for the survey? This will be in Vince's update.

Training Offering: None

Resources: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Input: None

Next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2022, at 9:00 am via Zoom. Meeting will be dark in December.