

FRANK D. LANTERMAN REGIONAL CENTER

Programs & Services Meeting

October 19, 2011

MINUTES

PRESENT

Ann Seisa, Chair
Howard McBroom
Anila Guruji
Michiko Wilkins
Josephine Ko

STAFF

Melinda Sullivan

NOT PRESENT

Li Ann Bush
Diane Cullinane
Marjorie Heller

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Seisa called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 21, 2011 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

UPDATE: 18-22 YEAR OLDS NOT IN SCHOOL

Ms. Sullivan provided the committee with an update on the Trailer Bill Language that directly impacts 18-22 year olds eligible for special education. As part of the review, she shared a document from Disability Rights California - "Special Education Instead of Adult Services for Consumers between the Ages of 18-22." She reviewed the Center's preliminary data: of the 480 clients that are between the ages of 18-22, there are 227 in school. The Committee focused their discussion on the other 253 clients and what they are doing now that they have left the public school.

Ms. Sullivan reported that she and Ms. Karen Ingram, Director of Community Services, met with the Los Angeles, Foothill, and Pasadena Unified school districts to review changes in legislation with them.

Action: The Committee would like the Center to educate families about their child staying in school after turning 18 by incorporating this into the regular parent trainings. There could be a family letter explaining the new Trailer Bill Language and encouraging families to keep their young adult children in school. Service Coordinators should receive training on this topic as well.

UPDATE ON ANNUAL FEE

Ms. Sullivan reported that the Trailer Bill Language requires a mandatory annual fee to be paid by families who meet the following criteria: the child is under 18 years old, lives at home, is not eligible for Medi-Cal and receives a Purchase of Service (other than respite). Regional Centers are obligated to charge families the highest annual fee of \$200. The fee can be reduced to \$150 only if the family appeals and proves that they meet the requirements for the lower fee. Ms. Sullivan reported that preliminary data shows that the Center has about 1,300 families who may be required to pay the annual fee criteria. The Center is in the process of reviewing these 1,300 more closely.

Action: As part of this process, families need to be educated regarding Institutional Deeming which could help minors become eligible for MediCal, which would then exclude the family from having to pay the annual fee.

OTHER

Ms. Sullivan gave the Committee an invitation to an open house at GAR on October 19, 2011 from 1:00P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled on November 16, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 AM.

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