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Re: NLACRC’s POS Expenditure Data and Public Stakeholder Meeting

Dear Mr. Winfield:

This letter will serve as NLACRC’s report on the POS data compilation and NLACRC POS Expenditure Data Community Meeting.

POS data compilation
The POS data was posted on the NLACRC Transparency & Accountability page of our web site (www.nlacrc.org) on December 20, 2013. An announcement was also placed on the home page of our web site with a link to the posted data.

Issues identified by the data
NLACRC is unable to identify issues with the POS data that we received. In order to do so, the data provided to us must be much more in-depth.

POS public stakeholder meeting
The public stakeholder meeting (NLACRC POS Expenditure Data Community Meeting) was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 with a total of 6 individuals in attendance.

Community meeting notification
- The community meeting announcement was posted on the NLACRC Web site in late February 2014, four weeks prior to the March 25, 2014 meeting date. Flyers were mailed to the Family Focus Resource Centers, Area Board 10, and were made available at the NLACRC libraries. The announcement was sent via e-mail blast on February 21, 2014 as well as a few more times, to several thousand consumers, family members, and vendors.

Community meeting participation
- A total of 6 individuals attended the meeting (1 consumer, 1 community advocates, 2 vendors and 2 NLACRC staff members).
Results of the public stakeholder meeting
Questions raised by those in attendance at the meeting include:
  • Are last year’s numbers similar to this year’s numbers?
  • Is more detailed information about intake assessments accessible?
  • Do you have information by gender?
  • Why are Filipinos grouped separate from Asians?

Proposed strategies to address issues identified by the data & issues raised at the meeting:
  • A consultant that we are working with to provide linguistic and cultural competency training to our Board of Trustees in May, will also review our POS data to provide us with their observations about what the data might tell us.
  • In order to better identify and address any issues that may exist, we will drill down on our own data and separate the data by residence, age and possibly gravity/impact of disabling conditions.

Copies of the following documents are enclosed with this report:
  • Flyer to announce NLACRC’s POS Expenditure Data Community Meeting held on March 25, 2014
  • Sign-in sheet from the meeting
  • PowerPoint presentation distributed at the community meeting

Questions?
Please do not hesitate to contact me at (818) 756-6200 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

Enclosures: (3)

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