August 15, 2013

Brian Winfield, Chief
Department of Developmental Services
Regional Center Operations Section
P.O. Box 944202, MS3-9
Sacramento, CA 94244-2020

Re: NLACRC’s Purchase of Service (POS) Data and Public Stakeholder Meeting

Dear Mr. Winfield,

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

POS data compilation
The POS data was posted on the NLACRC Transparency & Accountability page of our web site (www.nlacrc.org) on March 29, 2013. An announcement was also placed on the home page of our web site with 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 must be much more in-depth.

POS public stakeholder meeting
The public stakeholder meeting (NLACRC POS Disparity community meeting) was held Tuesday, June 25, 2013, with a total of 20 individuals in attendance.

Community meeting notification
The community meeting announcement was posted on the NLACRC Web site in mid June 2013, more than 2 weeks prior to June 25th meeting date. Flyers were mailed with vendor checks and sent to the Family Focus Resource Centers, Area Board 10, and made available at the NLACRC libraries. The announcement was sent via e-mail blast to several thousand consumers, family members, vendors and others.

Community meeting participation
San Fernando Valley: 20 total (9 vendors, 4 family members, 2 community advocates and 5 NLACRC staff members).

Supporting people with developmental disabilities in the San Fernando, Santa Clarita, and Antelope Valleys for more than 35 years.
Results of the public stakeholder meeting
Questions raised at the meeting included:
  • Why do category 5 consumers seem to have a higher percentage of no purchased services?
  • Is NLACRC offering viable services to help address POS disparity?
  • Is there POS data by language?

Proposed strategies to address issues identified by the data & issues raised at the meeting:
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 Disparity Community Meeting held on June 25, 2013
  • Sign-in sheet from the meeting
  • PowerPoint presentation distributed at the community meeting including POS data

Please do not hesitate to contact our executive director George Stevens at (818) 756-6200 or at gstevens@nlacrc.org should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Eric Leh, President
NLACRC Board of Trustees

Enclosures: (3)

c: Eileen Richey, Association of Regional Center Agencies
   NLACRC Board of Trustees
   George Stevens, executive director, NLACRC
   Diane Ambrose, director of program services/deputy director, NLACRC
   Michele Marra, human resources director
   Kim Rolfes, chief financial officer
North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Invites You To Attend The
Purchase Of Services (POS)
Disparity Community Meeting

The Lanterman Act was amended on June 27, 2012, requiring that the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and Regional Centers collaborate on an annual basis, to compile data on purchase of service authorization, utilization, and expenditure by each regional center with respect to consumer age, race or ethnicity, primary language and disability detail.

Regional centers and DDS were required to post this data, including the number and percent of consumers who are eligible for regional center services but are not receiving purchased services, on our web sites by March 31, 2013. The data files were updated and expanded on April 9, 2013. NLACRC’s data can be found at www.nlacrc.org under the Governance section, Transparency & Accountability page.

These Purchase of Services (POS) disparity reports will be reviewed at a community meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 25th, 2013.

SAVE THE DATE

Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2013
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: NLACRC, 15400 Sherman Way, 1st floor conference room, Van Nuys, CA
RSVP: Due to limited seating, RSVPs are required.
Please call 818-778-4411 by Friday, June 21st.
La Ley Lanterman fue enmendada el 27 de junio del 2012 con el fin de exigir que el Departamento de Servicios de Desarrollo de California (DDS, por sus siglas en inglés) y los Centros Regionales colaboren, una vez al año, para recopilar datos sobre la autorización, la utilización y los gastos relacionados con la compra de servicios de cada centro regional, con respecto a la edad, raza o etnicidad, idioma principal y datos sobre la discapacidad de los consumidores.

Se solicitó a los centros regionales y al DDS que publicaran estos datos —incluyendo la cantidad y el porcentaje de consumidores que son elegibles para recibir los servicios de los centros regionales, pero que no están recibiendo los servicios comprados— en nuestros sitios web a más tardar el 31 de marzo del 2013. Los archivos de datos fueron actualizados y ampliados el 9 de abril del 2013. Los datos del NLACRC se pueden encontrar en www.nlacrc.org, bajo la sección Governance de la página Transparency & Accountability.

Estos informes sobre disparidades en la Compra de Servicios (POS, por sus siglas en inglés) serán analizados en una reunión comunitaria que tendrá lugar el martes 25 de junio del 2013.

**APARTE LA FECHA**

**Día:** Martes, 25 de junio del 2013

**Hora:** 2 p.m.

**Lugar:** NLACRC, 15400 Sherman Way, sala de conferencias del 1er piso, Van Nuys, CA

**RSVP:** Los asientos son limitados; por lo tanto, se requiere que confirme su asistencia.

Por favor llame al 818-778-4411 antes del viernes 21 de junio.