



**Tri-Counties
Regional Center**

ATTACHMENT C

TRI-COUNTIES REGIONAL CENTER
FY 2013/2014 POS Data Expenditure Presentation & Informational Night

DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 – 6:00 pm
3450 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

MINUTES

| ITEM | RECORD |
|---|--|
| <p>I. Opening Remarks – Mary Beth Lepkowsky, Assistant Director of Training and Organizational Development</p> | <p>Ms. Lepkowsky welcomed the participants and asked that each person introduce themselves. Introductions were made. Representatives from TCRC, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Office of Clients Rights Advocacy and the Family Resource Center were present to participate in the discussions and meet with participants after the presentation and discussion.</p> <p>Ms. Lepkowsky shared the agenda for the evening and next introduced Omar Noorzad, Ph.D., TCRC Executive Director. Dr. Noorzad welcomed the attendees and shared opening remarks about the POS data expenditure requirements per regulations.</p> |
| <p>II. Introduction – Lorna Owens, Chief Financial Officer</p> | <p>Ms. Owens provided an introduction for the POS expenditure data presentation and mentioned that two handouts were provided. The first being a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and the second being the required demographic data reports. The second handout also includes the full language of the law and limitations of the POS expenditure data that reviewers should be aware of. Ms. Owens continued to provide a brief summary of TCRC demographics, counties covered, number of individuals served, POS funding for FY 2013/14 and the number of service coordinators and number of bilingual Spanish service coordinators.</p> <p>Next, Ms. Owens explained why this information was being presented, the specific Lanterman Act requirements, and what key information was important about the data. This included the date expenditures were incurred (FY 2013-14), and that data was provided by DDS for regional centers to access and utilize the same report format. TCRC’s reports were generated and posted on TCRC’s website by December 31, 2014, as required.</p> |

| | |
|---|--|
| <p>III. Data Overview – TCRC Staff</p> | <p>Eulalia Apolinar, Assistant Director of Services & Supports for Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, shared data on who TCRC serves, specifically by ethnicity and primary language. Persons indicating themselves as White equal 35%, Hispanic – 34%, and Other – 27%. The Other category could include a variety of mixed ethnicities.</p> <p>A pie chart on total expenditures by ethnicity was next presented by Ms. Apolinar. 55% of the total expenditures were for persons indicated as White ethnicity, 26% for persons indicated as Hispanic, and 14% indicated as Other. Ms. Apolinar then showed bar charts with per capita expenditures by ethnicity and age categories. Per capita expenditures increased from FY 2011/12 through FY 2013/14 in most ethnicity categories. The highest per capita expenditures for all ethnicities was for persons age 22 and over. It was concluded that for Early Start and the age category of 3-21 years POS expenditures are similar across ethnicities. The next bar chart showed that TCRC’s per capita expenditures were significantly higher when compared to all regional centers for the majority of ethnicities.</p> <p>Ms. Apolinar continued by sharing a data on persons served by primary language and per capita spending by primary language.</p> <p>Pamela Crabaugh, Director of Services & Supports, presented data on total individuals served and per capita expenditures by diagnosis. Persons with an intellectual disability make up 36% of TCRC’s population, followed by autism at 16%, and cerebral palsy and epilepsy each at 8%. No diagnosis makes up 26% of the population and that is mainly children in Early Start. Per capita expenditures in FY 2013/14 were generally higher than in FY 2011/12.</p> <p>Ms. Crabaugh continued to explain where people live in TCRC’s catchment area. 79% of persons served live in the parent or legal guardian home, 11% in ILS or SLS, 5% in CCFs or FHA and 3% in ICFs. Spending for persons by residence indicates that costs for persons living in the family home are significantly less than ILS/SLS, CCF/FHA, ICF or the Other category.</p> |
| <p>IV. Closing – TCRC Staff</p> | <p>Mike Nagel, Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development, shared information about what the data presented tells us. POS spending variances exist but the data does not answer why variances exist. More information is needed. The data does not indicate that people’s needs are not being met. TCRC honors personal choice and follows a stringent person centered planning process with persons needs identified in the IPP.</p> <p>Mr. Nagel went on to share TCRC’s commitments, the first being person centered in all we do. TCRC is committed to meeting the needs of people it serves regardless of age, ethnicity, language, diagnosis or residence. Mr. Nagel also shared a variety of activities TCRC has been involved with to support and strengthen cultural and linguistic competency for TCRC’s board of directors, staff and service providers.</p> <p>In closing, Mr. Nagel said the next steps are obtaining more information and conducting research. Systemwide qualitative studies will be conducted by the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) to determine why variances exist, if such variances indicate disparity and what informed actions need to be taken. Also, TCRC is committed to continue evaluating its person centered thinking processes to improve services.</p> |

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| V. Question and Answers | Ms. Lepkowsky opened up the meeting for questions and answers. |
| VI. Group Discussions | Meeting participants gathered at tables for smaller discussions. Each table had a facilitator and a note taker. The facilitators asked participants for questions and feedback regarding the POS expenditure data and information presented. Comments were recorded. |
| XII. Adjournment | Ms. Lepkowsky concluded the meeting at approximately 8:00 pm and invited the participants to meet with the informational representatives as desired. |

TRI-COUNTIES REGIONAL CENTER
FY 2013/2014 POS Data Expenditure Presentation & Informational Night
DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 – 6:00 pm
505 East Montecito Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93103

MINUTES

| ITEM | RECORD |
|---|--|
| <p>I. Opening Remarks – Mary Beth Lepkowsky, Assistant Director of Training and Organizational Development</p> | <p>Ms. Lepkowsky welcomed the participants and asked that each person introduce themselves. Introductions were made. Representatives from TCRC, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Office of Clients Rights Advocacy and the Family Resource Center were present to participate in the discussions and meet with participants after the presentation and discussion.</p> <p>Ms. Lepkowsky shared the agenda for the evening and next introduced Omar Noorzad, Ph.D., TCRC Executive Director. Dr. Noorzad welcomed the attendees and shared opening remarks about the POS data expenditure requirements per regulations.</p> |
| <p>II. Introduction Diva Johnson, Director of Community Development</p> | <p>Ms. Johnson provided an introduction for the POS expenditure data presentation and mentioned that two handouts were provided. The first being a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and the second being the required demographic data reports. The second handout also includes the full language of the law and limitations of the POS expenditure data that reviewers should be aware of. Ms. Johnson continued to provide a brief summary of TCRC demographics, counties covered, number of individuals served, POS funding for FY 2013/14 and the number of service coordinators and number of bilingual Spanish service coordinators.</p> <p>Next, Ms. Johnson explained why this information was being presented, the specific Lanterman Act requirements, and what key information was important about the data. This included the date expenditures were incurred (FY 2013-14), and that data was provided by DDS for regional centers to access and utilize the same report format. TCRC’s reports were generated and posted on TCRC’s website by December 31, 2014, as required.</p> |

| | |
|---|--|
| <p>III. Data Overview – TCRC Staff</p> | <p>Eulalia Apolinar, Assistant Director of Services & Supports for Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, shared data on who TCRC serves, specifically by ethnicity and primary language. Persons indicating themselves as White equal 35%, Hispanic – 34%, and Other – 27%. The Other category could include a variety of mixed ethnicities.</p> <p>A pie chart on total expenditures by ethnicity was next presented by Ms. Apolinar. 55% of the total expenditures were for persons indicated as White ethnicity, 26% for persons indicated as Hispanic, and 14% indicated as Other. Ms. Apolinar then showed bar charts with per capita expenditures by ethnicity and age categories. Per capita expenditures increased from FY 2011/12 through FY 2013/14 in most ethnicity categories. The highest per capita expenditures for all ethnicities was for persons age 22 and over. It was concluded that for Early Start and the age category of 3-21 years POS expenditures are similar across ethnicities. The next bar chart showed that TCRC’s per capita expenditures were significantly higher when compared to all regional centers for the majority of ethnicities.</p> <p>Ms. Apolinar continued by sharing a data on persons served by primary language and per capita spending by primary language.</p> <p>Pamela Crabaugh, Director of Services & Supports, presented data on total individuals served and per capita expenditures by diagnosis. Persons with an intellectual disability make up 36% of TCRC’s population, followed by autism at 16%, and cerebral palsy and epilepsy each at 8%. No diagnosis makes up 26% of the population and that is mainly children in Early Start. Per capita expenditures in FY 2013/14 were generally higher than in FY 2011/12.</p> <p>Ms. Crabaugh continued to explain where people live in TCRC’s catchment area. 79% of persons served live in the parent or legal guardian home, 11% in ILS or SLS, 5% in CCFs or FHA and 3% in ICFs. Spending for persons by residence indicates that costs for persons living in the family home are significantly less than ILS/SLS, CCF/FHA, ICF or the Other category.</p> |
| <p>IV. Closing – TCRC Staff</p> | <p>Mike Nagel, Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development, shared information about what the data presented tells us. POS spending variances exist but the data does not answer why variances exist. More information is needed. The data does not indicate that people’s needs are not being met. TCRC honors personal choice and follows a stringent person centered planning process with persons needs identified in the IPP.</p> <p>Mr. Nagel went on to share TCRC’s commitments, the first being person centered in all we do. TCRC is committed to meeting the needs of people it serves regardless of age, ethnicity, language, diagnosis or residence. Mr. Nagel also shared a variety of activities TCRC has been involved with to support and strengthen cultural and linguistic competency for TCRC’s board of directors, staff and service providers.</p> <p>In closing, Mr. Nagel said the next steps are obtaining more information and conducting research. Systemwide qualitative studies will be conducted by the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) to determine why variances exist, if such variances indicate disparity and what informed actions need to be taken. Also, TCRC is committed to continue evaluating its person centered thinking processes to improve services.</p> |

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| V. Question and Answers | Ms. Lepkowsky opened up the meeting for questions and answers. |
| VI. Group Discussions | Meeting participants gathered at tables for smaller discussions. Each table had a facilitator and a note taker. The facilitators asked participants for questions and feedback regarding the POS expenditure data and information presented. Comments were recorded. |
| XII. Adjournment | Ms. Lepkowsky concluded the meeting at approximately 8:00 pm and invited the participants to meet with the informational representatives as desired. |

TRI-COUNTIES REGIONAL CENTER
FY 2013/2014 POS Data Expenditure Presentation & Informational Night

DATE: Tuesday, March 26, 2015 – 6:00 pm
2401 East Gonzales Road, Oxnard, CA 93036

MINUTES

| ITEM | RECORD |
|---|--|
| <p>I. Opening Remarks – Mary Beth Lepkowsky, Assistant Director of Training and Organizational Development</p> | <p>Ms. Lepkowsky welcomed the participants and asked that each person introduce themselves. Introductions were made. Representatives from TCRC, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Office of Clients Rights Advocacy and the Family Resource Center were present to participate in the discussions and meet with participants after the presentation and discussion.</p> <p>Ms. Lepkowsky shared the agenda for the evening and next introduced Omar Noorzad, Ph.D., TCRC Executive Director. Dr. Noorzad welcomed the attendees and shared opening remarks about the POS data expenditure requirements per regulations.</p> |
| <p>II. Introduction Diva Johnson, Director of Community Development</p> | <p>Ms. Johnson provided an introduction for the POS expenditure data presentation and mentioned that two handouts were provided. The first being a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and the second being the required demographic data reports. The second handout also includes the full language of the law and limitations of the POS expenditure data that reviewers should be aware of. Ms. Johnson continued to provide a brief summary of TCRC demographics, counties covered, number of individuals served, POS funding for FY 2013/14 and the number of service coordinators and number of bilingual Spanish service coordinators.</p> <p>Next, Ms. Johnson explained why this information was being presented, the specific Lanterman Act requirements, and what key information was important about the data. This included the date expenditures were incurred (FY 2013-14), and that data was provided by DDS for regional centers to access and utilize the same report format. TCRC’s reports were generated and posted on TCRC’s website by December 31, 2014, as required.</p> |

| | |
|---|--|
| <p>III. Data Overview – TCRC Staff</p> | <p>Sha Azedi, Assistant Director of Services & Supports for Ventura County, shared data on who TCRC serves, specifically by ethnicity and primary language. Persons indicating themselves as White equal 35%, Hispanic – 34%, and Other – 27%. The Other category could include a variety of mixed ethnicities.</p> <p>A pie chart on total expenditures by ethnicity was next presented by Mr. Azedi. 55% of the total expenditures were for persons indicated as White ethnicity, 26% for persons indicated as Hispanic, and 14% indicated as Other. Mr. Azedi then showed bar charts with per capita expenditures by ethnicity and age categories. Per capita expenditures increased from FY 2011/12 through FY 2013/14 in most ethnicity categories. The highest per capita expenditures for all ethnicities was for persons age 22 and over. It was concluded that for Early Start and the age category of 3-21 years POS expenditures are similar across ethnicities. The next bar chart showed that TCRC’s per capita expenditures were significantly higher when compared to all regional centers for the majority of ethnicities.</p> <p>Mr. Azedi continued by sharing a data on persons served by primary language and per capita spending by primary language.</p> <p>Pamela Crabaugh, Director of Services & Supports, presented data on total individuals served and per capita expenditures by diagnosis. Persons with an intellectual disability make up 36% of TCRC’s population, followed by autism at 16%, and cerebral palsy and epilepsy each at 8%. No diagnosis makes up 26% of the population and that is mainly children in Early Start. Per capita expenditures in FY 2013/14 were generally higher than in FY 2011/12.</p> <p>Ms. Crabaugh continued to explain where people live in TCRC’s catchment area. 79% of persons served live in the parent or legal guardian home, 11% in ILS or SLS, 5% in CCFs or FHA and 3% in ICFs. Spending for persons by residence indicates that costs for persons living in the family home are significantly less than ILS/SLS, CCF/FHA, ICF or the Other category.</p> |
| <p>IV. Closing – TCRC Staff</p> | <p>Mike Nagel, Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development, shared information about what the data presented tells us. POS spending variances exist but the data does not answer why variances exist. More information is needed. The data does not indicate that people’s needs are not being met. TCRC honors personal choice and follows a stringent person centered planning process with persons needs identified in the IPP.</p> <p>Mr. Nagel went on to share TCRC’s commitments, the first being person centered in all we do. TCRC is committed to meeting the needs of people it serves regardless of age, ethnicity, language, diagnosis or residence. Mr. Nagel also shared a variety of activities TCRC has been involved with to support and strengthen cultural and linguistic competency for TCRC’s board of directors, staff and service providers.</p> <p>In closing, Mr. Nagel said the next steps are obtaining more information and conducting research. Systemwide qualitative studies will be conducted by the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) to determine why variances exist, if such variances indicate disparity and what informed actions need to be taken. Also, TCRC is committed to continue evaluating its person centered thinking processes to improve services.</p> |

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| V. Question and Answers | Ms. Lepkowsky opened up the meeting for questions and answers. |
| VI. Group Discussions | Meeting participants gathered at tables for smaller discussions. Each table had a facilitator and a note taker. The facilitators asked participants for questions and feedback regarding the POS expenditure data and information presented. Comments were recorded. |
| XII. Adjournment | Ms. Lepkowsky concluded the meeting at approximately 8:00 pm and invited the participants to meet with the informational representatives as desired. |