



**PARENTS COORDINATING COUNCIL
AT LANTERMAN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER**

CONTACT

THE NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

MAY 2012

Important Reminder: The PCC Office is staffed by dedicated volunteer family members who donate their time to support the Lanterman families. These volunteers take care of the many organizational and office duties, ranging from sending out the Newsletter to running the fundraiser, to responding to individual family needs and many more activities. The PCC Office is open most but not all days, and may be reached by phone (909-444-7572), fax (909-444-2047), email (ldcpcc@gmail.com), or U.S. Mail: P.O. Box 4408, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

LANTERMAN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER POPULATION AS OF APRIL 25, 2012 — 274

Parents Coordinating Council Meeting

When: Saturday — May 19, 2012 Start Time — 10:00 a.m.
Where: Lanterman Developmental Center
3530 Pomona Boulevard George DeBell Auditorium

The CHOICES Project - CASHPCR Update - Open Mike

The CHOICES Project is Coming to Lanterman The Choices Project is a specially designed tool that was developed around the time of the Agnews closure to help those residents communicate what was important to them about their home, their friends, family and staff, leisure time and work, community activities, and health and safety. Nicole Patterson, who serves on the DDS Consumer Advisory Committee, will be bringing the Choices Project to the Lanterman residents. She will attend our PCC meeting to let families know exactly what this project is, and how they can be involved also.

CASHPCR Update The California Association of State Hospital Parent Councils for the Retarded has been representing Developmental Center families including Lanterman for many decades on the issues that affect the DC residents, including budget issues, legislation, law suits that threatened DC care, and some DC policies. The CASHPCR Board is made up of representatives from Lanterman, Fairview, and Porterville Developmental Centers. Most recently, CASHPCR has been involved in the closure of Lanterman, considered a state-wide issue by all members, while also following legislative and budget issues. The CASHPCR Report will update us on their recent activities. This will include information on legislation that impacts the way any abuse of individuals at DCs and in the community may be addressed, and other bills that may affect individuals at Lanterman and others.

Open Mike Take some time at the end of the meeting to let us know what you would like the PCC to bring to its membership in the coming year, what is important to you as a Lanterman family, and anything else you would like to share.

Reminder – Don't forget to respond to the appeal from the Nominating Committee!

Contact them at jletrich@sbcglobal.net to let them know if you are interested in serving on the PCC Board.

Employee Vendor Fair!

The Staff Support Advisory Group invites all Lanterman families to attend the Employee Vendor Fair on **Friday, May 11, from 10 am to 3 pm** in the DeBell Auditorium. This is an opportunity for the Lanterman employees to meet with prospective employers who will be caring for the Lanterman residents in the community setting. What a great opportunity for families to share with community providers how skilled, professional, and valuable Lanterman staff is to our family members, and to support the Community State Staff program! What a convenient chance to also speak with providers, and find out more about how they provide services to individuals in the community setting! Any questions – contact Kristin Missakian at the Staff Options and Resources Center (SOAR) at ext.7220.

NOTE: The PCC will host another Provider Fair specific to families sometime in the future –

Fairview Families and Friends Invites Lanterman Families, Friends, and Staff to FFF Meeting.

The family organization at Fairview Developmental Center invites the entire Lanterman family to join them on Sunday, May 20, at 10 am as a DDS representative presents information on the DDS budget and how it affects services for all Developmental Center residents and others, followed by a question and answer period. The meeting will be in the Goodell Education Center Gymnasium at Fairview, located at 2501 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Signs will be posted on the Fairview campus to direct you to the meeting. Contact the FFF office at 714-751-2344 for more information.

Attend PCC Meetings by Phone

If you are not able to attend the PCC meetings in person, but are interested in the topics being presented, please contact the PCC office at 909-444-7572 or by email at ldcpcc@gmail.com and we will send you the toll-free number and instructions to join the teleconference. You will be able to listen to the speakers and the presentation from your home. Make sure you **contact us at the latest by Thursday, May 17** so we can get back to you in good time for the **Saturday May 19 meeting**.

The PCC welcomes interested residents, families and Lanterman staff to attend all meetings. Contact the PCC office for information on meeting dates and times.

The Contact, PCC Post, and the Website -- The Parents Coordinating Council communicates regularly with all Lanterman families and others who have shared their contact information with us, regardless of whether or not they are PCC members. We honor the privacy of all families and do not share any contact information given to us. The Communication Committee greatly appreciates everyone who helps us with the following methods we use to distribute information:

The PCC POST is a one-page emailed update sent out on most Fridays that gives condensed information on what has happened in the past week and what is coming up. This format allows us to get information out on a regular (and inexpensive) basis without waiting for the Contact to be published. People who do not have email or who do not get the **PCC POST** by email receive the past issues with their mailed **Contact**.

The Contact newsletter is mailed every 4 to 6 weeks. It contains articles and information on prior and upcoming meetings, important issues facing Lanterman, and updates on resident activities. It is designed to help family members who may not be able to visit Lanterman or attend meetings regularly keep in touch with what is going on.

www.lantermanpcc.org is our website address, where past issues of the Contact and the PCC POST may be found, along with meeting minutes, family resources, important links, newspaper articles, etc.

Parents Coordinating Council & Friends at Lanterman Developmental Center

OFFICERS

Co-President	Terry DeBell
Co-President	Dorothy Juarez Fulco
1st Vice President	Art Lopez
2nd Vice President	Dorothy Diamond
Secretary	Anna Agopian
Treasurer	Kathy Emerson

The PCC is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. Financial statements are provided upon request. The PCC newsletter is meant to educate families. All articles herein are the opinion of the authors.