

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Government & Community Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2012

Present: Thomas Aguinaga (via video-conference), Richard Dier, Craig Girard, Dawn Hamilton, Duane Joslin, Martha Lopez, and Jeremy Sunderland - Committee Members
Yolanda Bosch (via polycom) – Board President
Connie Lapin, Jason Nagle (via video-conference), and Jennifer Pecor – Guests
Sara Iwahashi, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, and George Stevens – Staff Members

Absent: All present

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Jeremy Sunderland at 7:25 p.m.

II. Public Input

- A. Yolanda gave the committee a report on the meeting she, George, and Jeremy had with Terri Delgadillo, director of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and other DDS staff. The main issue was to address DDS's lack of communication with us about when we will receive our allocations. Overall, it was a good meeting.
- B. Connie announced that Congressmen Brad Sherman and Howard Berman are in a race for San Fernando Valley's 30th congressional district and shared a story about it from the newspaper.
- C. Connie shared information about a panel discussion that is going to be held on insurance coverage for adults with autism. The discussion is being held by Vista Center for Behavior Analysis from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25th, at the Skirball Cultural Center.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

“Draft Strategy” was added to Item IV.B.6.

M/S/C (D. Joslin/C. Girard) To approve the agenda as modified.

The agenda was approved as presented/modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of the May 16th Meeting

M/S/C (C. Girard/D. Joslin) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Elect a Committee Chair for FY 2012-13

M/S/C (C. Girard/D. Joslin) To elect Jeremy Sunderland to serve as committee chair for this fiscal year.

B. Annual Committee Orientation

1. Committee Policies and Procedures
2. Bylaws Statement
3. Board Audit Section
4. Legislative Platform Guiding Principles
5. Board Recognition Policy
6. Service Provider and Elected Representative Visit Policy & Draft Strategy

The documents listed above were provided to those present, but Michele also provided them with a brief written overview of the committee's duties, the role of its members, and its policies and read it aloud.

Action: Committee members will take some time to review the orientation documents provided to them (especially the policy and draft strategy) and bring any questions or input they have to next month's committee meeting. The policy and strategy will be finalized at next month's meeting.

Action: Michele and Sara offered to give the new committee members a training on how to track bills, the legislative process, etc. This training will be held in coordination with their board member orientation meeting with George.

C. Candidates Forum and Voter Education/Registration Day

The tentative time and date for this event is the early evening on Tuesday, October 16th at Sam's Café at New Horizons in North Hills. Several of the senators and assembly members who represent the center's catchment area have terms that will be ending, so we should have a lot of participation from the

candidates. We will be putting together a subcommittee to organize the event using a member or two from this committee and a member of the Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC).

Action: Richard and Duane both volunteered to serve on the forum subcommittee.

Action: George will ask for a volunteer to serve on the forum subcommittee at the next VAC meeting.

D. Committee's Critical Calendar for Fiscal Year 2012-13

Copies of the committee critical calendar for this fiscal year were provided. Jennifer puts the items listed under each month on the committee meeting agendas so they can be addressed.

E. Legislative Update

Sara sent the committee members notebooks containing information on legislation that the committee has been tracking, prior to this meeting. She also provided them with some updates for their notebooks at the meeting. Committee members should always remember to bring their notebooks with them to the meetings and updates will be provided each month.

M/S/C (R. Dier/D. Joslin) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to approve a support position on AB 2338 (Chesbro/Beall) Employment First Policy.

Action: If the board approves the support position, Michele will write the necessary support letter.

F. Begin Discussion re: Priority Activities for FY 2012-13

Copies of the committee's priority activities from last fiscal year and the proposed priority activities for this fiscal year were provided to those present.

Action: Committee members should think about the proposed priority activities for this fiscal year and come to next month's meeting with any input.

V. **Board Meeting Agenda Items**

The following items were identified for the August 8th board meeting:

- A. Minutes of July 18th Meeting
- B. Update on Candidates Forum and Voter Education/Registration Day
- * C. Approval to Support AB 2338 (Chesbro/Beall)

VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 15th
- B. Complete Meeting Evaluations

Jeremy asked everyone to please complete evaluation forms after the meeting and submit them to him with any comments.

VII. Adjournment

Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Submitted by,

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