

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Housing Committee Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2012

Present: Richard Dier (via conference call), Jonathan Istrin (via conference call), Eric Leh, Elizabeth Lyons, Kim Rolfes, Scott Shepard, George Stevens, and Joan Watson-Patko – Committee Members
Robert Britton - Guest
Jennifer Kaiser and Marie Paul – Staff Members

Absent: Steve Miller

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Eric Leh at 12:11 p.m.

II. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Several items were added to the agenda.

M/S/C (E. Lyons/J. Watson-Patko) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of May 14th Meeting

M/S/C (E. Lyons/K. Rolfes) To approve the minutes as presented.

III. Public Input

Liz Lyons provided the committee with copies of an article from the LA Daily News entitled, “Researching Nursing Homes Easier for Public.” The public will now be able to search through newly released federal inspection reports using a website that will allow database searches of nursing home deficiencies and comparisons with other homes.

IV. Committee Business

A. Elect a Committee Chair

There was only one nomination made.

M/S/C (E. Leh/E. Lyons) To elect Richard Dier to serve as the committee chair for this fiscal year.

B. Presentation: Inland Regional Center Master Trust (Bob Britton)

Bob began his presentation by saying that if you don't have a will in place that California has one in place for you – and you won't like it! Bob then gave a very informative PowerPoint presentation on Inland Regional Center's Master Trust and about various trusts in general. Through the presentation, Bob showed that the best way for a family to care for their consumer is with a **third party special needs trust** because:

1. There is no payback to the state for medical assistance that was paid on behalf of the beneficiary during their lifetime.
2. Any assets left upon the death of the beneficiary are distributed per the terms of the trust.
3. Generally, not subject to continued court supervision.

Consumers from other regional centers can access services through Inland Regional Center's Master Trust (not just Inland Regional Center consumers).

Action: Robert will provide Kim with a 1-page easy-to-understand summary about the various types of trusts that can be provided to consumers and their families.

C. Annual Committee Orientation (Review Policies and Procedures)

Copies of the committee's policies and procedures were provided to the committee for their review. Committee members should become familiar with this document as it outlines the purpose of this committee and their role as a member.

D. Committee Priorities for FY 2012-13

The committee reviewed their goals from last fiscal year and made the following changes to become their goals for this fiscal year:

1. The committee will identify possible funding streams for housing projects.

2. The committee will share legislative information with the Government & Community Relations Committee, the Vendor Advisory Committee, and with elected officials.
3. The committee will pursue ways for parents to hold their homes in trust for their consumers (e.g. special needs or pool trusts).
4. The committee will explore all types of housing information at each Housing Committee meeting and will make time at meetings for presentations by various housing organizations. (~~e.g. Harbor Regional Center's HOPE corporation, Inland Regional Center's Master Trust, etc.~~).
5. Monitor the progress of the nonprofit organizations to acquire and renovate properties in accordance with the approved community placement plan housing plan.
- ~~6. The committee will work with HOPE to facilitate the licensing of the center's 4 new community placement plan homes.~~
7. Review Request for Proposals (RFP) grants for our catchment area.
8. Monitor the housing development for consumers coming out of Lanterman Developmental Center.

M/S/C (S. Shepard/J. Istrin) To approve the committee's goals for FY 2012-13, as modified, and to present them to the Board of Trustees for approval.

E. Update on Community Placement Plan (CPP) Activities

Kim provided the committee with a list of all of the center's projects and their status and reviewed it with them.

F. Update on Housing Legislation

Kim provided the committee with copies of legislative update, which included information about the following:

1. California Homeowner Bill of Rights signed into law.
2. New HUD rules will impact implementation of homelessness programs.
3. AB 1585 (Perez)

4. AB 1699 (Torres)
5. AB 683 (Ammiano)
6. AB 1951 (Alkins)
7. AB 2266 (Mitchell)
8. AB 2447 (Skinner)
9. SB 1156 (Steinberg)
10. The Housing Subsidy Fairness Act
11. Decision on Finlay versus City of Santa Monica case
12. Decision on California good cause eviction case

G. FY 2011-12 Committee Action Log – *Deferred*

H. FY 2012-13 Committee Meeting Schedule

Copies of the meeting schedule were provided. The committee will meet on the following dates this fiscal year from 12:00 p.m. until about 2:00 p.m.:

1. Monday, August 20, 2012 (Orientation meeting)
2. Monday, November 19, 2012
3. Monday, February 11, 2013
4. Monday, May 13, 2013

I. Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation

The Cabrillo planning commission gave its support to his corporation, a Ventura-based nonprofit developer, to build apartments specifically for people with developmental disabilities. An article was published in the Simi Valley Acorn about the development, which will be called Camino Esperanza. Kim provided copies of the article to the committee for their information.

J. Teleconference on Affordable Housing

We recently received information from the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) regarding a teleconference that will be held on Thursday, August 23rd at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). The name of the teleconference is “Opening the Door to Affordable Housing Funding.” Kim provided information about the teleconference to the committee. CD recordings of the teleconference are also available.

K. The National Low Income Housing Coalition

The National Low Income Housing Coalition was established in 1974 and is dedicated solely to achieving social just public policy that assures people with the lowest incomes in the U.S. have affordable and decent homes. The coalition recently published its annual report called, “Out of Reach 2012: America’s Forgotten Housing Crisis” which includes up-to-date information about wages and housing in each state and across the nation. Kim provided everyone with copies of the report that pertained to California. This is very interesting information; please take some time to review it.

V. Identify any Specific Items for Board Discussion (for the next board meeting)

- A. Minutes of August 20th Meeting
- * B. Approval of Committee Priorities for FY 2012-13

VI. Announcements / Information

- A. **Next Quarterly Meeting:** Monday, November 19, 2012, at 12:00 p.m.

Action: Joan will contact Jonathan to arrange a presentation for the next Housing Committee meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Richard adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

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