

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2012

Present: Gus Adams, Pam Aiona, Beth Brodie, Ed Catino, Mary Jo Fernando, Juan Hernandez, Duane Joslin, and Curtis Wang – Committee Members
William Rayber (for Duane Joslin) – Board Member
Cedric Anderson, Santos Cortez, and Eti Monsefi – Guests
Sara Iwahashi, and Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Members

Absent: Duane Joslin

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Curtis Wang, chairperson, at 2:01 p.m. Everyone present was introduced. The committee welcomed new member Ed Catino to the CAC!

2. Public Input - There was no public input.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Jennifer announced that Sara Iwahashi was going to give the report on legislation that could affect consumers in Section 4.

M/S/C (J. Hernandez/E. Catino) To approve the agenda as amended.

B. Approval of Minutes of March 6, 2012 Meeting

M/S/C (J. Hernandez/E. Catino) To approve the minutes as presented.

4. Legislation that Could Affect Consumers (Sara Iwahashi)

Sara is the center's public information and training supervisor, a member of the Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA's) Legislative Committee, and provides updated legislative information to the board's Government & Community Relations Committee. After reviewing the legislation that these 2 committees are tracking, she found 5 bills that she thought would be of particular interest to the CAC:

A. SB 1123 (Distinguishing placard)

- B. AB 1244** (Developmental services self-determination program)
- C. AB 2338** (Developmental services Employment First policy)
- D. SB 1381 & AB 2370** (Mental retardation: change of term to intellectual disability.

Sara discussed the content of these bills with the CAC. The committee was especially supportive of the last 2 companion bills and decided to recommend that the board take a support position on them.

M/S/C (B. Brodie/P. Aiona) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to take a “support” position on SB 1381 and AB 2370.

The CAC thanked Sara for her legislative report.

5. Old Business

A. Updated Event Calendar

Copies of the CAC’s updated event calendar were distributed and reviewed. The committee members identified several areas that needed to be corrected.

Action: Jennifer will ask Eugene to correct the errors on the CAC’s event calendar and the updated/revised calendar will be presented to the committee again next month.

B. Reports on Employment, Transportation, Legislation, or Housing

1. Juan reported that he called United Cerebral Palsy and found out that they had an opening.
2. William reported that the Metro’s Orange Line is being extended from Canoga Park to Chatsworth.
3. If you use a Smart phone to find out when your bus is going to arrive.
4. Metro Motion is on Time Warner digital cable on channel 35.
5. You can get bus schedule information at www.metro.net.

Action: Juan and Gus will give a report on Section 8 housing at next month’s CAC meeting.

Action: William will give an update on the extension of Metro's Orange Line at next month's CAC meeting.

6. New Business

A. Report on March 9th ARCA CAC Meeting

William Rayber is now NLACRC's representative on the ARCA CAC, which is a statewide consumer group composed of 1 consumer from each of the 21 regional centers. This was William's first ARCA CAC meeting and he had the opportunity to finally meet the other members. The meeting was held in Sacramento and William gave the following highlights:

1. Eileen Richey, ARCA's new executive director, updated the committee on the state budget and the ARCA Legislative Committee's activities.
2. The committee talked about the new self-advocacy network which is being organized through the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and the state's area boards. Brian Ward, from Redwood Coast Regional Center, was voted to be the ARCA CAC's representative to serve on the self-advocacy network.
3. Michael Statti, the current ARCA CAC chair, has to step down because he is moving out of the area. An election will be held for a new chairperson. Any member wanting to become the new chairperson must get their executive director's signature on an agreement paper because the chairperson will need the regional center's assistance to help organize the CAC meetings.
4. ARCA's New Day Conference will be held in Pasadena on September 18 & 19, 2012.
5. The next ARCA CAC meeting will be held in July.

B. Report on the 2012 Abilities Expo (All)

Beth and Juan both attended the expo. Beth reported that there was a lot of new stuff at the expo for people with disabilities, including a wheelchair that is an all-

terrain vehicle (ATV), but looked like a World War I tank! There were lots of people at the expo and the whole thing was really fun!

C. Nominations for FY 2012-13 CAC Chair

Juan, Curtis, Mary Jo, and Beth all expressed their interest in becoming CAC chair next fiscal year. An election will be held at next month's CAC meeting.

D. Review Meeting Protocols

The committee reviewed basic meeting protocol to raise your hand if you want to say something, to not interrupt others while they are talking, and to not carry on a loud conversation with the person next to you while someone else is talking. The also reviewed proper voting procedures.

D. Review Agenda for April 11, 2012 Board Meeting

Copies of the board meeting agenda were provided to everyone present and Jennifer reviewed it with them.

7. Current Issues

Jennifer provided everyone present with copies of her current issues report for this month which covered the following topics:

- A. Changes that have been made to the center's service standards.
- B. The new annual family program fee.
- C. The implementation of a financial management service.
- D. An update on NLACRC's community placement plan.
- E. The status of NLACRC's budget.
- F. Program closures.

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

- A. Minutes of April 3rd Meeting
- B. The CAC's Event Calendar [the calendar was not ready in time for the board meeting]
- * C. Approval to Support AB 2370 (Mansoor) and SB 1381 (Pavley)

9. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. Disability Rights California moved and their address and telephone numbers have changed. For current information, you can reach them at (213) 213-8020 or at www.disabilityrightsca.org.
- B. Next CAC Meeting: Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Curtis adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Submitted by,

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