

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2013

Present: Beth Brodie, Ed Catino, Mary Jo Fernando, Monroe Jones, William Rayber, and Curtis Wang – Committee Members

Mrs. Brown, Lesley Forbes, Elizabeth Lyons, Daniel, and Sandra – Guests

Eugene Baily, Jennifer Kaiser, Jay Lytton, and Jose Rodriguez – Staff Members

Absent: Juan Hernandez and Cherie Roberson

1. Call to Order & Introductions

meeting was called to order by Mary Jo Fernando, chairperson, at 2:05 p.m. Everyone present was introduced and then sang Mary Jo “Happy Birthday” and celebrated her birthday with chocolate cake.

2. Public Input (3 minutes) – There was no public input.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (W. Rayber/E. Catino) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of November 6, 2012 Meeting

M/S/C (W. Rayber/E. Catino) To approve the minutes as presented.

4. Presentation: Regional Center Outlook Post-Election (George Stevens)

George reported that as the committee probably already knows, Proposition 30 was passed by voters at the November election, which prevented a \$50 million reduction to the regional center budget. On Thursday, the governor will release his proposed state budget for next fiscal year. It is anticipated that he will not be projecting any additional cuts to the regional center budget and, in fact, may allow some of the previous budget reductions to “sunset” (end) as planned on June 30, 2013. Good news!

5. Old Business

A. Updated Event Calendar

Eugene provided the committee with copies of their updated event calendar. Jose provided everyone with a flyer for the 9th annual Festival of Human Abilities that will be held January 28 and 29 at the Aquarium of the Pacific. The flyer includes free admissions for a student of adult with a disabilities and one attendant.

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

1. Mary Jo circulated information from Assembly Member Bob Blumenfield and his “sidewalk hours” where people can come and meet with him. She is planning to go to his next one and will give a report on it at the next CAC meeting.
2. William announced that Access Services has increased their fares; local trips will now be \$2.50 and outside the valley will be \$3.25. Trips to Santa Clarita and the Antelope Valleys will remain the same. You can check Access’s website for more information.
3. Liz gave a report on the November 19th Housing Committee meeting, which included:
 - A presentation on the corporation for Supportive Housing whose missions is to help communities create permanent housing with services to prevent and end homelessness.
 - An update on the center’s community placement plan. The center currently has 15 projects which include twelve 4-bed facilities, two 5-bed facilities, and a day program.
 - An update on state and federal legislation.
 - Future presentations will include “keeping the family home for your consumer” and “how to make set-asides for people with developmental disabilities (in addition to homeless, risk of homeless, or elderly) to help consumers access Section 8 vouchers.
 - The next Housing Committee meeting will be held February 11th and Liz will give a report on it at the March 5th CAC meeting.
4. Jose showed everyone a plastic cover that he received from Access Services to cover his Access Services Visa card. The plastic actually covers up the Visa logo to people aren’t tempted to steal your card from you!

C. Review Training / Presentation Calendar FY 2012-13

The following changes were made to the committee's presentation/training calendar:

1. Eugene will invite George Stevens to the February 5th CAC meeting to give a report on the governor's proposed state budget.
2. The Housing Committee report by Liz Lyons will be moved from the February to the March CAC meeting.
3. Eugene will set up a presentation by Access Services for the April CAC meeting and will ask the representative to bring along some plastic card covers which Juan talked about earlier in this meeting.

Action: CAC members will think of possible ideas for presentations or trainings for the May and June CAC meetings.

6. New Business

A. Mid-Year Review of CAC Goals

Jose read aloud the committee's 4 goals for this fiscal year:

1. CAC members will promote and support efforts for employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
2. CAC members will be proactive in improving transportation services and will be a visible force at transportation meetings.
3. CAC members will work together to share information about current consumer issues (like employment, transportation, legislation, and housing) at CAC meetings. Any information that the committee thinks is really important will be posted on their web page.
4. CAC members will learn more about housing options for people with developmental disabilities.

Action: CAC members will take more responsibility for bringing in information on employment, transportation, legislation, or housing (see goal 3) to share with the committee at future meetings.

B. Review Agenda for January 9, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting

Copies of the agenda for tomorrow night's board meeting were provided to everyone present and Jennifer reviewed it with them.

C. SSI/SSP Restoration Checks and Payments for FY 2012-13

Eugene provided everyone with memos regarding consumers SSI/SSP restoration checks. If consumers have any questions about this, they should contact their service coordinator.

7. Identify Board Meeting Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of January 8, 2013 Meeting
- B. CAC Event Calendar

8. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. Monroe announced that he was recently certified by the Red Cross in Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)!
- B. New Social Security Office: The local Social Security office moved to a new location. It is now located at 14500 Roscoe Boulevard, Suite 207, and Panorama City.
- C. Next CAC Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Mary Jo adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

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