

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2012

Present: Beth Brodie, Ed Catino, Mary Jo Fernando, Juan Hernandez, Monroe Jones, William Rayber, and Curtis Wang – Committee Members
Ysenia Carrillo – Guest
Eugene Baily, Jennifer Kaiser, and Jose Rodriguez – Staff Members

Absent: Cherie Roberson

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Mary Jo Fernando, chairperson, at 2:03 p.m. Everyone present was introduced. After the introductions, the CAC members left the room briefly to have a group photograph taken for the CAC's web page.

2. Public Input (3 minutes)

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Item 4.D. was added to the agenda and Item 6.B. was deferred until next month's meeting.

M/S/C (W. Rayber/J. Hernandez) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of June 5, 2012 Meeting

M/S/C (W. Rayber/J. Hernandez) To approve the minutes as presented.

4. Annual Committee Orientation and Review (Jennifer & Eugene)

A. CAC Policies and Procedures

At the beginning of each new fiscal year, all of the board committees, including the CAC, review their policies. This helps refresh the memories of the current members and helps educate any new members. Copies of the policies were provided to the CAC. Mary Jo asked Curtis to read the policies aloud to the committee, which he did.

B. Visitation Policy

Copies of the CAC's Visitation Policy were provided to the committee. CAC members are encouraged to visit regional center funded programs to:

1. Educate yourself on the types of programs that regional center provide.
2. Educate other CAC members by giving a report on your visit.
3. Meet with consumers at the program and tell them about the CAC and let them know they can apply to become a member.

You can make the visitation by yourself or go with another member as a team. Eugene and Jennifer can arrange the visit for you; just let them know which program you would like to visit. William stated that he went on a visitation with Duane Joslin to see some of Valley Village's program. They took them on a tour of 3 of their sites and treated them to lunch! They had a really good time and learned a lot. William offered to go on a visitation with any of the other CAC members.

C. Meeting Protocol

Copies of the meeting protocol were provided, which included the following 3 points:

1. Raise your hand if you want to say something.
2. Do not interrupt others while they are talking.
3. Do not carry on a conversation with the person next to you while someone else is speaking.

D. Voting Process

Copies of the voting process were provided to the committee and Jennifer explained how the voting process works.

5. Old Business

A. Updated Event Calendar

Eugene provided copies of the updated event calendar to the CAC. William Rayber announced that he plans on going to one of the free concerts at Warner Park in Woodland Hills.

Action: William will give a report on the event at next month's CAC meeting.

Action: Jose Rodriguez will bring information about Disneyland discount tickets to the next CAC meeting.

B. Reports on Employment, Transportation, Legislation, and Housing (All)

1. Many of the members talked about riding the new metro rail extension to the Orange Line. It makes traveling in that part of the valley much easier than taking buses. The extension is a 4-mile addition to the San Fernando Valley bus way and opened on Saturday, June 30th with free rides for passengers from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Orange Line is a 14-mile east-west route from North Hollywood to Warner Center. The north-south extension connects the Canoga station to the Chatsworth Metrolink station, allowing passengers a one-seat ride from Chatsworth to North Hollywood, where they can catch the Red Line subway.
2. There was an article in the LA Times recently about a group of people with disabilities who went to Hollywood for a conference and were looking forward to going on a tour of the Hollywood sites. Unfortunately, the company could not provide them with an accessible bus. They ended up filing a lawsuit and the company has agreed to make sure they have accessible buses and that their staff are trained on how to use them.

6. New Business

A. Report on July 13th ARCA CAC Meeting (William)

William attended his second ARCA CAC meeting on Friday, July 13th, in Sacramento. The ARCA CAC is an advocacy group that is made up of 1 consumer from each of the 21 regional centers. They meet every other month in Sacramento. At the July meeting, they discussed several Assembly bills, including AB 2338 regarding the Employment First policy. The committee elected Wesley Dale, from Harbor Regional Center, to be their chair for this fiscal year. They all shared information about their regional center's CAC, like how often they meet, the issues they discuss, etc. The next ARCA CAC meeting will be held Friday, October 12th and William will give a report on that meeting at the November CAC meeting.

B. Review CAC's Action Log from FY 2011-12 – *Deferred*

C. Review CAC's Goals FY 2011-12 & Plan the Goals FY 2012-13

Monroe read aloud the committee's goals from last fiscal year. After discussion, the committee decided they wanted to keep the same goals but re-order them. The committee's proposed goals for this fiscal year will be:

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.

M/S/C (W. Rayber/M. Jones) To present the committee's proposed goals for this fiscal year to the Board of Trustees for their approval.

D. Committee Meeting Schedule for FY 2012-13

Copies of the committee's meeting schedule for this fiscal year were provided to the CAC.

E. Review Agenda for August 8th Board of Trustees Meeting

Copies of the agenda were provided to the committee and Jennifer reviewed it with them.

F. Resignation of Gus Adams

Gus Adams resigned from his position on the CAC because he had other activities he wanted to get into.

7. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. Jose announced that the center will be holding a Candidates Forum and Voter Education/Registration Day on **Tuesday, October 16th**, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Sam's Café at New Horizons in North Hills. There are 7 senate and assembly seats that will be opening in the center's catchment area. We will be inviting the candidates for these positions to come and talk with us. Also, if you or someone you know needs to register to vote, this would be a good time!
- B. Next CAC Meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.

8. Identify Board Meeting Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of August 7, 2012 Meeting
- B. The CAC's Event Calendar
- * C. Approval of the CAC's Goals for FY 2012-13

9. Adjournment

Mary Jo adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

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