

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2012

Present: Beth Brodie, Ed Catino, Mary Jo Fernando, Juan Hernandez, William Rayber, Cherie Roberson, and Curtis Wang – Committee Members
Acelia Gates, Scott Barron, Duane Joslin, Shane Peterson – Guests
Eugene Baily, Sara Iwahashi, Jennifer Kaiser, and Jose Rodriguez – Staff Members

Absent: Monroe Jones

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. We all sang “Happy Birthday” to Ed Catino, Beth Brodie, and Curtis Wang and celebrated with cake and ice cream!

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

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Item 6.E. was added to the agenda.

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

B. Approval of Minutes of October 2, 2012 Meeting

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

4. Presentation: Disability Rights (by Scott Barron)

Scott Barron, peer/self-advocacy coordinator for Disability Rights California (DRC), gave the presentation. His PowerPoint presentation was accompanied by a handout with the same information. Scott went around the meeting table having each member read a page of the presentation aloud and then he would discuss the ideas on that page with the group. The rights of people with developmental disabilities include: going to school, being able to see a doctor, privacy, being safe from violence and abuse, practicing religion (or not!).

He also provided a brochure on DRC's peer/self-advocacy unit, which is a group of regional center consumers who help other regional center consumers.

Also, Scott provided the committee with a flier with information on what to do if you have a disability and are unable to vote by calling the DRC hotline!

Action: Eugene will contact Scott to get a list of presentations that he does and will share that information with the committee.

5. Old Business

A. **Updated Event Calendar – *Deferred***

This agenda item was deferred because the updated event calendars were not provided.

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

No reports were given.

C. **Review Training / Presentation Calendar FY 2012-13**

Copies of the committee's current training/presentation schedule were provided to everyone.

Action: Eugene will add a presentation on The Lanterman Act for the January 8th Consumer Advisory Committee meeting and will make arrangements for that presentation to be given.

6. **New Business**

A. **Discussion re: Election Day (Today!)**

Beth, Cherie, William, Ed, Mary Jo, Eugene, and Duane all participated in today's election by casting their votes. Curtis, Ed, and Scott will be going to the polls this afternoon.

B. **Report on Candidates Forum and Voter Education/Registration Event**

Duane reported that NLACRC's forum was held on October 16th at Sam's Café. The event was well attended even though it was held at the same time as the second presidential debate. Eight candidates who are running for local senate and assembly seats participated. Yolanda Bosch, NLACRC's board president, served as the moderator. Duane was there with registration forms so people could register to vote. Nobody completed a registration form there, but several people took registration forms with them. The planning committee did a great job organizing the event. Information about the event will be posted on the center's website and thank you letters will be sent to each of the candidates who participated.

C. Area Board 10 Newsletter

Area Board 10 produces a monthly electronic newsletter (they send it out electronically via e-mail). This month's newsletter included a guide to the propositions on today's election ballot. There are 10 propositions on the ballot and the newsletter included a brief summary of each one to help people make decisions on how to vote. The newsletter also included links to different local activities, such as a fall festival and family fun nights at Westfield shopping center. Copies of the newsletter were provided to everyone present for their information.

D. Review Agenda for November 14th Board of Trustees Meeting

Copies of the agenda were provided to everyone present and Jennifer reviewed the highlights with them, which included a presentation on The Willie Ross Foundation and discussion about the election outcomes.

E. Report on ARCA Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting (William)

The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) is a statewide group made up of 1 consumer from each of the 21 regional centers. They meet in Sacramento every other month to discuss issues that are important to consumers. William attended the most recent meeting on Friday, October 12th. Discussion topics included:

1. Voting rights and access.
2. The activities of the statewide self-advocacy network.
3. The ARCA New Day Conference that was held September 18th and 19th in Pasadena and focused on housing and employment.
4. The closure of Lanterman Developmental Center.

5. Ideas on how to make ARCA better.

The meeting ended, as it always does, with each committee member talking about what their regional center is doing. William reported that our center was going to have a candidates' forum and the development of the CAC's event calendar.

7. **Announcements / Information / Public Input**

- A. Next CAC Meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

The committee does not meet in December, so we'll see everyone in January!

8. **Board Meeting Agenda Items**

- A. Minutes of November 6, 2012 Meeting
- B. CAC Event Calendar

9. **Adjournment**

Mary Jo adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Submitted by,

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