

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
of
North Los Angeles County Regional Center
A Nonprofit Corporation**

The Board of Trustees of North Los Angeles County Regional Center, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, held their regular board meeting at North Los Angeles County Regional Center, 15400 Sherman Way, Suite 170, Van Nuys, California, on April 10, 2013.

Trustees Present

Yolanda Bosch
Richard Dier
Mary Jo Fernando
Craig Girard
Jenean Glover
Sharoll Jackson
Duane Joslin
Eric Leh
Martha Lopez
Katie Mead
William Rayber
Meredith Rimmer
Jeremy Sunderland

Trustees Absent

Dawn Hamilton
Jenni Moran

Staff Present

Diane Ambrose
Jennifer Kaiser
Michele Marra
George Stevens
Anna Whitlock

Guests Present

Daniel Becerra
Kathy Brian
Linda Dier
Frances L. Rollen
Kathleen Secchi
Gay Wane

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was officially called to order by Yolanda Bosch, president, at 6:30 p.m. when it was determined that a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

2. Public Input & Comments - There was no public input.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Revised Agenda (*Packet # 2, page 35*)

M/S/C (W. Rayber/K. Mead) To approve the revised agenda as presented.

B. Approval of March 13th Board Meeting Minutes (*Packet # 1, page 7*)

The second sentence in Section 9.A. was changed to read, "Yolanda announced that Jeremy has been nominated to serve as president of the ARCA Board of Directors."

M/S/C (D. Joslin/J. Glover) To approve the minutes as amended.

4. **Discussion Topic:** The March 21st and 22nd ARCA Meetings (Sacramento)

Jeremy reported that at the January Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) meetings, 2 action items were presented: 1) to oppose the extension of the annual family program fee; and 2) to oppose the extension of SB 946 (insurance coverage for behavioral services). Both items were voted down. These same 2 items came up again at the March ARCA meetings and due in large part to George Stevens, both items were approved. George explained that NLACRC's Board of Trustees' position on both issues were clear to him and he articulated their position at the ARCA meeting, which apparently had an effect on the vote. This board believes that the annual family program fee was introduced as a short term solution to the state's fiscal crisis and should sunset, as scheduled, on June 30, 2013. This board also believes that SB 946 is unfair to our clients and families as only 28% of clients receiving behavioral services fall under the SB 946 umbrella and have to jump through hoops to get services; they should be able to receive services as easy as the other 72%; our clients should be pulled out from under the SB 946 umbrella. This bill should sunset, as scheduled, on June 30, 2013.

ARCA has sent out an action alert on the restoration of the Early Start program. This alert was forwarded to all NLACRC board members. Yolanda urged all board members to read the alert and take appropriate action to support it.

Jeremy also reported that as reported at last month's board meeting, he was nominated to serve as president of the ARCA Board of Directors. However, ARCA is sometimes divided and an alternate slate of officers may be presented prior to the election. The allocate methodology for the annual ARCA dues will be revisited next year. The 1915i waiver and its related cash-flow issues are affecting most of the regional centers. The representatives from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) who usually attend the ARCA meetings called into the meeting instead, which made it difficult to ask them questions.

Yolanda reported that she sat in on the ARCA Finance Committee meeting. DDS representatives were unable to participate in that meeting. Many of the regional centers agreed that there is a huge issue of how DDS allocates money to the centers. There is a lack of communication from DDS as to the amount of money they are going to receive and when they are going to receive it. Many of the centers are concerned that they will have to access their lines of credit in order to pay their bills, and some regional centers don't have a line of credit. Those center that do end up borrowing money, will have to pay interest on it, which is not reimbursed to them by DDS and will come directly out of their operations budgets. This is a large source of frustration that is being felt by all regional centers. Terri Delgadillo, director of DDS, feels confident that DDS will receive money through the 1915i waiver in time to keep the centers from having to borrow. However, Yolanda's sources aren't so sure that the money will come in time.

Yolanda is also concerned because DDS has yet to resolve the center's purchase of service (POS) deficits from FY 2009-10, FY 2010-11, FY 2011-12, and this fiscal year. At this point, we don't know what DDS plans to do if the 1915i waiver money does not come through in time. We have already sent DDS 2 letters regarding our budget status and our cash flow problems. When do we start copying our legislators on these letters so they are made aware of what is happening.

5. **Committee Action Items** (*Packet # 1, page 16*)

A. **Administrative Affairs Committee: Approval of Contracts** (Craig Girard)

* 1. **Passport to Adaptive Living, Inc.**

Richard stated that his is not comfortable with the payment arrangement in these types of contracts because they are not covered by Title 17 protection, which is a consequence of the legislation.

M/S/C (D. Joslin/S. Jackson; Opposed: R. Dier and M.J. Fernando) To approve the contract with Passport to Adaptive Living, Inc. as presented.

* 2. **A Change in Trajectory, Inc.**

M/S/C (S. Jackson/D. Joslin; Opposed: R. Dier) To approve the contract with A Change in Trajectory, Inc. as presented.

* 3. **California Psychcare, Inc.**

M/S/C (S. Jackson/E. Leh; Opposed: R. Dier; Abstention: D. Joslin) To approve the contract with California Psychcare, Inc. as presented.

* 4. **PathPoint**

M/S/C (S. Jackson/J. Sunderland) To approve the contract with PathPoint as presented.

* 5. **Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment** (*Packet # 2, page 38*)

M/S/C (W. Rayber/K. Mead) To approve the contract with Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment as presented.

B. **Consumer Services Committee** (Jeremy Sunderland)

- * 1. Approval of Proposed Changes to Mission, Vision, Values Statement

M/S/C (D. Joslin/C. Girard) To approve the changes to the center's Mission, Vision, and Values Statement as presented.

C. Government & Community Relations Committee (Jeremy Sunderland)

- * 1. Approval of Proposed Changes to Policies and Procedures

M/S/C (D. Joslin/E. Leh) To approve the changes to the Government & Community Relations Committee's policies and procedures, as presented.

6. Director's Report (*Packet # 2, page 42*)

George addressed the following areas in his report: allocation methodology; the state budget; legislation; regional center operations; and community activities. Copies of his report were included in the meeting packet along with the center's monthly quality assurance, consumer statistics, and special incident reports. Also attached to the report were:

- a. An analysis of SB 158, SB 208, SB 319, SB 321, SB 367, and SB 555. These bills were a result of recommendations from the Equity and Diversity Task Force for Regional Center Autism Services.
- b. Results of DDS's service coordinator caseload survey. NLACRC has the highest caseload ratios in terms of Medicaid waiver and total caseload.
- c. The center's data on annual expenditures and authorized services by diagnosis, which DDS requires all centers to post on their websites.

7. Administrative Affairs Committee (*Packet # 2, page 78*)

A. Minutes of the March 28th Meeting

The minutes were included in the meeting packet; please see Craig with any questions.

B. Financial Report for February 2013

The financial report showed that the operations budget is \$34,395,133 with projected expenses in the same amount, leaving no surplus or deficit. The POS

budget is \$241,970,621 with projected expenses of \$267,294,455, leaving a deficit of \$25,323,834.

C. 3rd Quarter Human Resources Report

During the 3rd quarter of this fiscal year, the center had 35 positions on hold, 22 new hires, 4 promotions, and 3 separations for a quarterly turnover rate of 0.07%.

8. Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)

A. Next Meetings: June 20 & 21 (Sacramento)

9. Consumer Advisory Committee

A. Minutes of the April 2nd Meeting - *Deferred*

The minutes were not ready; they will be included in next month's board meeting packet.

B. Updated CAC Event Calendar (*Packet # 2, page 95*)

Mary Jo asked the board members to please take a look at the event calendar to see if there are any events they would be interested in.

10. Consumer Services Committee - *No Report*

11. Executive Committee (*Packet # 2, page 97*)

A. Minutes of March 28th Meeting

The minutes were included in the meeting packets; please see Yolanda with any questions.

B. Action Taken on Assembly Bill 1089 (Calderon)

The Executive Committee took action, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to authorize Yolanda to sign a letter to Assembly Member Calderon opposing AB 1089. Copies of the signed letter were included in the meeting packets.

C. Action Taken on Letter to Terri Delgadillo at DDS

The Executive Committee took action, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to send a letter to DDS outlining the center's budget issues and cash flow problems. Copies of the signed letter were included in the meeting packets.

D. Action Taken to Support the APSE Conference

The Executive Committee took action, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to make a \$500 contribution to support the 25th annual conference of the Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE). This is the first time their conference will be held in California. Information about APSE was included in the meeting packets.

12. Government & Community Relations – *No Report*

13. Housing Committee – *No Report*

14. Nominating Committee (*Packet # 2, page 119*)

A. Minutes of April 3rd Meeting

The minutes were included in the meeting packets; please see Meredith with any questions.

B. Status Report on Recruitment

Meredith reported that the committee held a group orientation for the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) applicants and also for the Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) applicants. The committee will present their recommended nominees and re-nominees at next month's board meeting.

15. Post-Retirement Medical Trust – *No Report*

16. Strategic Planning Committee – *No Report*

17. Vendor Advisory Committee

A. Minutes of March 7th Meeting (*Packet # 2, page 122*)

The minutes were included in the meeting packets; please contact Jenni with any questions.

B. Minutes of April 4th Meeting – *Deferred*

The minutes were not ready; they will be included in next month's board meeting packet.

18. Old Business / New Business (*Packet # 1, page 30*)

A. Attendance Sheets

Board and board committee attendance sheets are always included in the first board meeting packet. Please review them so you stay aware of your status.

B. Complete Meeting Evaluations

Yolanda asked the board members to please complete evaluation forms after the meeting and submit them to her with any comments.

C. Visitation Reports

No visits were reported.

19. Announcements / Information / Public Input

A. The center's 28th Legislative Breakfast will be held on Friday morning. All board members are encouraged to attend.

B. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 8th, at 6:30 p.m. (Van Nuys)

20. Executive Session

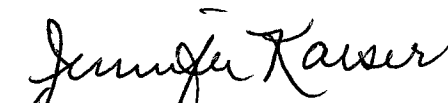
The board went into executive session at 8:24 p.m.

A. Lease for NLACRC's Santa Clarita Office

21. Adjournment

Yolanda adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by,



Jennifer Kaiser
Executive Assistant

for:



Jenean Glover
Board Secretary

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