

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2014

Present: Mary Jo Fernando and William Rayber, – Committee Members

Laura Bana, Gerald Robles, and Nina Daily– Guests

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

Absent: Beth Brodie, Ed Catino, and Juan Hernandez

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Mary Jo Fernando, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Everyone present was introduced. Everyone sang “Happy Birthday” to Mary Jo, whose birthday is next week. The song was followed by birthday cake and ice cream.

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

3. Consent Items

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2013 Meeting

The agenda and minutes could not be approved there was no quorum (50% of the committee members were not present).

4. Presentation: SB468: Self-Determination Program (Diane Ambrose)

Diane Ambrose’s presentation was deferred as there were so few people present.

5. Old Business

A. Updated Event Calendar

Eugene did not make copies of the calendar as there was only one event on it, which was the Festival of Human Abilities. Flyers for the event were provided. The event will be held January 25 & 26 at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach.

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

No reports were given.

C. Development of Mini Travel Guide/Checklist (All)

For the benefit of the guests present, Eugene explained that the committee is in the process of developing a mini travel guide/checklist to help prepare consumers when planning to travel.

1. Approval of Draft Timeline – *Deferred*

Copies of the draft timeline were provided but could not be approved as a quorum of members was not present.

D. Discussion of Training/Presentation Calendar for FY 2013-14 (All)

Action: Eugene will reschedule Diane's presentation for a future CAC meeting and will also schedule Jennifer to give the committee a presentation on legislative bills they may be interested in.

6. New Business

A. Review Agenda for January 8, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting

Copies of the agenda were provided and Jennifer reviewed it with those present. The meeting will be held at the center's new Santa Clarita Valley office.

B. Report on Assembly Member Nazarian's Open House (Mary Jo) - *Deferred*

Mary Jo attended the Assembly Member's open house, but did not have an opportunity to put together her notes. She will present her report at next month's meeting instead.

C. AAPD Public Service Announcement (Eugene)

At the November CAC meeting, Eugene was asked to find the AAPD's new public service announcement called, "Redefine Disability." The announcement challenges Americans to appreciate the positive aspects of disability and

encourages viewers to join with them in breaking down the outdated stereotypes confronting many people with disabilities. Eugene report that he visited the AAPD's website but could not find the public service announcement.

Action: Eugene will continue to try to find the AAPD public service announcement and provide copies of it to the CAC.

D. Report on Access Services CAC Meeting (Liz Lyons) – *Deferred*

This report was deferred as Liz was not present.

E. Information on SB 651 (Pavley) re: Sexual Assault Procedures

At the November CAC meeting, the committee asked to be provided with information about this bill, which was passed by the Governor. Copies of the bill were provided. The purpose of the bill was to designate an outside party to review any allegations of sexual assault or abuse in developmental centers and state hospitals.

F. Report on November 18th Housing Committee Meeting (Liz Lyons) – *Deferred*

This report was deferred as Liz was not present.

7. Identify Board Meeting Agenda Items

The following items were identified for tomorrow night's board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of January 7, 2014 Meeting
- B. Festival of Human Abilities: January 25 & 26 (Long Beach)

8. Announcements / Information / Public Input

A. CAC Meeting Attendance Sheet

Copies of the meeting attendance sheet were included in the meeting packet. It was noted that Beth Brodie has missed 5 meetings in the last year, so she will have to resign from the committee.

B. Next CAC Meeting: Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Mary Jo adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

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