

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2014

Present: Ed Catino, Mary Jo Fernando, Juan Hernandez, and William Rayber – Committee Members

Lesly Forbes, Elizabeth Lyons, and Gerald Robles – Guests

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

Absent: All present

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Mary Jo Fernando, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Everyone present was introduced.

A. Happy Birthday!

Everyone sang “Happy Birthday” to William, Lesly, and Jose who are all celebrating birthdays this month! Their birthdays were celebrated with cake and ice cream.

2. Public Input - There was no public input.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Item 6.G. was added to the agenda.

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

B. Approval of Minutes of April 1, 2014 Meeting

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

4. Presentation: “Access Services Future Plans” (Liz Lyons)

Liz is a member of Access Services' Community Advisory Committee and she gave a report on their most recent meeting, which included:

- A. Access is holding several town hall meetings to give people the opportunity to discuss their reviews. Liz provided information about the town hall meetings to those present. The town hall meeting in our area will be held tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. at the Encino Community Center. Liz encouraged consumers to go to the town hall meeting to learn and to share any issues they may have.
- B. The Access fare will be going up July 1st from \$2.50/ride to \$2.75/ride.
- C. Metro Rail tabled their idea to require personal care attendants (PCAs) to purchase an ID cards so they can ride free with a consumer.
- D. The Access vans are going to be painted! They are currently painted white, but will be painted aqua!
- E. You can use your Access tap card to ride free on buses and on the Metro system. You can also use your Access card to get a 10% discount on Amtrak tickets.
- F. The look of the Access ID card will be changing – the information on it will be printed in larger type.

The next Access Community Advisory Committee meeting will be held next Tuesday, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at 100 Gateway Plaza in Los Angeles.

5. Old Business

A. Updated Event Calendar

Copies of the committee's updated event calendar were provided.

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

Mary Jo recently participated in a legislative visit that was set up by the center to visit with Senator Fran Pavley.

6. New Business

A. CAC Elections for FY 2014-15

At last month's meeting, Ed, Juan, and Mary Jo all expressed their interest in serving as committee chair next fiscal year.

1. Candidate Statements (3 minutes each)

Each candidate made a statement as to why they wanted to become the committee chair.

2. Election for CAC Chair

An election was held, by written ballot. The election outcome was that Juan Hernandez was elected to serve as chair and Ed Catino will continue to serve as vice-chair. Everyone congratulated Juan and Ed!

Now that Juan will be serving as chair of this committee, that means he will also take Mary Jo's place on the Board of Trustees.

Action: Jennifer will provide Juan with information about next week's board retreat, as all incoming board members are invited to attend that annual event.

B. Review Agenda for May 14th Board of Trustees Meeting (Jennifer Kaiser)

Copies of the agenda for next week's board meeting were provided and Jennifer reviewed it with those present.

C. Follow-up after Special Project Meeting, held March 25th (Eugene Baily)

Eugene reported that Chris Whitlock is helping him and Jose with the development of the CAC's mini travel guide, but he is currently out of the office on family leave and won't return until the end of the month, so the mock-up of the travel guide has been delayed. William reported that he forgot to take photos of the airport while he was traveling to Sacramento last month for the ARCA CAC meeting. Those photos were to be included in the mini travel guide that the CAC is developing.

Action: Eugene will pull some airport photos off of the Internet for use in the committee's mini travel guide.

D. Review CAC Goals for FY 2013-14 / Consider Draft Goals for FY 2014-15

This year's committee goals were:

1. CAC members will promote and support efforts for meaningful 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.
5. Educate other consumers about the CAC to promote involvement and membership.

Action: CAC members will give some thought to what their goals should be for next fiscal year and will come to next month's meeting prepared for discussion.

E. Review Draft CAC Critical Calendar for FY 2014-15

The committee reviewed copies of their draft critical calendar for next fiscal year. The dates were updated, and 2 events were deleted.

Action: The CAC approved their critical calendar for FY 2014-15 as modified.

F. Proposed CAC Nominees for FY 2014-15

The following CAC applicants will be presented for nomination at next week's Board of Trustees meeting: Pam Aiona, Lesly Forbes, Daniel Garcia, Precious Malumfashi, and Jeffrey Thacker. William will continue serving on the CAC as the ARCA CAC delegate.

G. Report on SCLARC CAC Meeting

Mary Jo and Liz were invited by the Domonique Young, CAC chair, of South Central Los Angeles Regional Center (SCLARC) to attend their April 28th CAC meeting. They both attended the meeting and gave the committee a report on it. The main focus of the meeting was discussion about a job fair they were organizing that will be held on Thursday, May 22nd from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the job fair is to help consumers get jobs by showing them how to fill out resumes and will offer workshops on business attire, interview skills, etc. They also circulate a basket at each meeting to help cover the cost of snacks and sandwiches were served at their meeting. Mary Jo and Liz both liked the fact that SCLARC pays to have 2 of their consumers participate in the statewide self-advocacy conference that is held each year – sending 2 different consumers each year. Liz sent Domonique a card thanking her for inviting her and Mary Jo to her meeting.

7. Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting

The following items were identified for the CAC's section of the May 14th board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of May 6, 2014 Meeting
- B. CAC Event Calendar
- C. Election of Juan Hernandez as FY 2014-15 CAC Chair

8. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. CAC Meeting Attendance Sheet
- B. DDS Safety Net: Alcohol Dependence / Alcohol Dependence Checklist
- C. Next CAC Meeting: Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

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

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