

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2014

Present: Mary Jo Fernando, Juan Hernandez, and William Rayber – Committee Members
Desiree Boykin, Nina Daly, Lesley Forbes, Ruth Garcia, Elizabeth Lyons,
Precious Malumfashi, Shane Peterson, Gerald Robles, and Jeffrey Thacker –
Guests
Eugene Baily, Jennifer Kaiser, Rose Maag, and Jose Rodriguez – Staff Members

Absent: Ed Catino

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Mary Jo Fernando, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Everyone present was introduced. Everyone then sang “Happy Birthday” to Juan and celebrated with cake and ice cream.

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

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

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

B. Approval of Minutes of May 6, 2014 Meeting

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

4. DVD Presentation: “Entrepreneurship, Self-Employment, and Disabilities”

A 25-minute film was shown.

5. Old Business - There was no old business to discuss.

6. New Business

A. Approve CAC Critical Calendar for FY 2014-15

Copies of the critical calendar were provided to the committee. One change was made: the review of the board meeting agenda should be added to the months of November, February, April, and June.

Action: Eugene will make these additions to the CAC's critical calendar.

B. Updated CAC Event Calendar

Copies of the committee's updated event calendar were provided and reviewed. There are lots of events being held this month. It was noted that the "Conversation with Heroes" event was going to take place on June 21st, not June 20th.

C. Review Agenda for June 11th Board of Trustees Meeting (Jennifer Kaiser)

Jennifer did not have copies of the board meeting agenda available, however, she gave verbal highlights of what the meeting will entail. The June meeting is a very long meeting because there are lots of things to vote on for the new fiscal year, including new members of the Board of Trustees, Vendor Advisory Committee, and Consumer Advisory Committee.

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

1. Travel Training: Liz provided everyone with information on the "Free Fare" program which enables Access cardholders to ride public transportation at no cost – all you have to do is show your Access ID card to the driver. The program also offers free travel training. In addition, if you don't know how to get somewhere, you can call them and they'll tell you the best way to get there!
2. Disability Scoop – Recent Headlines: Copies of the most recent newsletter were provided. The latest headline stories included that ESPN is going to broadcast the Special Olympics World Games which will be held in Los Angeles in 2015.
3. Save the Date for Conference (Pasadena): Area Board 10 is going to hold a day-long conference on Saturday, September 13th, at Lake Avenue Church. Save the date flyers were provided. The conference is primarily for people with developmental disabilities, especially older teens and young adults so they can learn what's ahead of them in the adult world and how to speak up for themselves.
4. Area Board 10 Newsletter: The newsletter included articles about the Governor's proposed state budget and the new minimum wage increase.

5. Housing Committee Report: Liz Lyons is a member of the board's Housing Committee and provided everyone with a written report on the May 12th meeting. Highlights included a presentation by the Department of Mental Health on their housing programs and services. Also, an update was given on the center's community placement plan, which concerns moving consumers out of developmental centers and other large facilities and into the community.
6. New Access Services Cards: Will be issued when your current one expires. The new cards will look less like a credit card and will have much larger type so they are easier to read. Access has "tabled" their idea for issuing cards to personal care attendants (PCAs).
7. Access Services Meeting: Juan reported that he attended the most recent Access Services meeting.
8. Traveling First Class: Jeffrey announced that he recently flew first class!

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

The CAC had 5 goals for this fiscal year which were read aloud. Committee members should consider if they want to keep the same goals for next fiscal year or if they want to change them. This will be discussed again at the next CAC meeting when the 5 new CAC members are on board.

7. Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting

The following items were identified for the CAC's section of the June 11th board meeting:

- A. Minutes of June 3, 2014 Meeting
- B. Updated CAC Event Calendar

8. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. CAC Meeting Attendance Sheet: The committee meeting attendance sheets are always included with the meeting packets. All 4 CAC members have good attendance.

- B. Annual Board Dinner: Saturday, June 21st, at 6:00 p.m. Each CAC member and their guest are invited to attend the annual board dinner, which will be held at the Angeles National Golf Club in Sunland.
- C. Next CAC Meeting: Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. (no July meeting)
- E. New Medical Clinic: Has opened at Westside Regional Center, but you don't have to live in Westside's catchment area to access their services.
- F. The CAC members and guests expressed their sympathy to Eugene Baily who recently lost his Mom.
- G. Everyone thanked Mary Jo for being such a great CAC chair these last 2 years! Juan Hernandez will become the new chair starting July 1st.

9. **Adjournment**

Mary Jo adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

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