

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Government & Community Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2014

Present: Dorothy Daniels, Myriam Jovel, Lou Paparozzi, Sean Stalbaum, and Tavia Wooley – Committee Members
Connie Lapin – Guest
Diane Ambrose, Sara Iwahashi, Michele Marra, and George Stevens – Staff Members

Absent: Jay Lytton, Debra Newman, and Angela White

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Tavia Wooley, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

II. Public Input

- A. Connie provided copies of an article about Congress passing a bill that would limit young people with disabilities from entering sheltered workshops.
- B. The Lanterman Coalition, which is made up by 17 different service provider organizations, is writing a letter to Santi Rogers, the director of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), about the need to have the rate issue addressed.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Item IV.B. was moved up on the agenda so a committee chair could be elected to run the meeting. The agenda was approved as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes from the May 21st Meeting

The minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Election of Committee Chair

Action: Tavia Wooley was elected to serve as committee chair for this fiscal year.

B. Annual Committee Orientation

The following documents were provided to the committee and briefly reviewed. Committee members should become familiar with these documents as they outline the purpose of the committee and the responsibilities of the committee members:

1. Policies and Procedures
2. Bylaws Statement
3. Board Audit Section
4. Legislative Platform Guiding Principles
5. Board Recognition Policy
6. Service Provider and Elected Representative Visits & Framework for Strategy Implementation

Action: Item 4.F. of the committee's board audit section was deleted as it makes reference to an "expenditure plan" which is obsolete.

C. Critical Calendar for FY 2014-15

Copies of the committee's critical calendar were provided. The calendar lists items and actions that will be taken each month by the committee.

D. Priority Activities for FY 2013-14 / Priority Activities for FY 2014-15

The committee's priority issues for last fiscal year were:

1. Identify public policy issues to bring to the attention of our legislators:
 - Restoration of the Early Start program.
 - Restoration of operations funding so the center can meet the required caseload ratios.
 - Purchase of Service (POS) disparity issues.
 - Restoration of supported employment rates.
2. Hold a candidates forum for the 45th Assembly District vacancy. The forum is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27th, 6:30 p.m. at Sam's Café, New Horizons.

3. Participate in legislative visits:
 - NLACRC's Grass Roots Week
 - ARCA's Grass Roots Day
 - Legislators' events such as sidewalk meetings, open houses, community events, etc.
 - Visit legislators to keep them informed about issues that impact consumers and their families, vendors, and regional center.
4. Track and take appropriate action on legislation that would impact people with developmental disabilities.
5. Hold a legislative breakfast.

After discussion, the committee decided to make the following changes:

- Replace the first bullet point under priority 1 with "Advocate for a viable and sustainable service provider rate system.
- Add the following phrase after the second bullet point under priority 1 with "and Medicaid waiver requirements."
- Delete priority 2 completely.
- Update the date of the Legislative Breakfast under priority 5.

Action: The committee will recommend to the Board of Trustees to approve their priority issues for this fiscal year as modified.

E. Legislative Update

Sara provided the committee with a legislative update.

F. Board's Legislative Strategy for FY 2014-15

Action: The committee will recommend the following legislative strategy for FY 2014-15 to the Board of Trustees for approval:

1. Early Start Outreach.
2. Implement the self-determination program in a transparent and fair manner that is consistent with statute.
3. Advocate for a viable rate system for our service providers and core staffing for regional centers.

V. Board Meeting Agenda Items

The committee identified the following items for their section of the August 13th board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of July 16th Meeting
- B. Legislative Update
- * C. Approval of Committee's Priority Issues for FY 2014-15
- * D. Approval of Board's Legislative Strategy for FY 2014-15

VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. Complete Meeting Evaluations
Tavia asked the committee members to please complete evaluation forms after the meeting and submit them to her with any comments.
- B. Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 20th

VII. Adjournment

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

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