

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Government & Community Relations Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
August 20, 2014

**Present:** Dorothy Daniels, Myriam Jovel, Debra Newman, Lou Paparozzi, Sean Stalbaum, Angela White, and Tavia Wooley – Committee Members  
Connie & Harvey Lapin – Guests  
Michelle Heid – Vendor Advisory Committee Representative  
Diane Ambrose, Sara Iwahashi, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, and George Stevens – Staff Members

**Absent:** Jay Lytton

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**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

Tavia Wooley, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

**II. Public Input**

Connie Lapin provided the following information:

- A. Obama signs Autism Act Renewal: President Obama signed a reauthorization of the nation's primary autism legislation that includes more than a billion dollars in federal funding. The law calls for \$260 million annually, through 2019, for autism research, prevalence tracking, screening, professional training, and other initiatives.
- B. Feds Clarify Obligations to Kids with Autism: In what advocates are calling a major win, federal officials are for the first time telling states that Medicaid coverage must include treatments like applied behavioral analysis for children with autism. Medicaid programs nationwide must offer "medically necessary diagnostic and treatment services" to kids with autism, which includes everything from speech and occupational therapy to personal care services and medical equipment.

**III. Consent Items**

- A. Approval of Agenda

Item IV.F. was added to the agenda.

**M/S/C** (S. Stalbaum/D. Daniels) To approve the agenda as modified.

C. Approval of Minutes of July 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**M/S/C** (A. White/S. Stalbaum) To approve the minutes as presented.

**IV. Committee Business**

A. Committee's Priority Activities for FY 2014-15

The Board of Trustees approved the committee's 4 priorities for this fiscal year. Copies of the priorities list were provided to the committee for their information. George asked the committee to make sure the priority activities were identified correctly as he had to "wordsmith" them in Jennifer's absence.

B. Board's Approved Legislative Priorities for FY 2014-15

The Board of Trustees approved the legislative strategy recommended by this committee. Copies of the legislative priorities list were provided to the committee for their information.

C. FY 2013-14 Committee Action Log

All of the actions taken by the board's committees are entered into a log. After the new fiscal year starts, each board committee is given a copy of their action log for their review. It gives the committee the opportunity to see the actions that the committee took last fiscal year. Copies of the committee's action log were provided.

D. Board Audit: Does the center have a training and information plan that meets the requirements of statute, performance and other contracts, and board policy?

The short answer is "yes," but George also wanted to provide the committee with examples of the many different trainings that the center provides, including:

1. Motivational interview training for supervisors.
2. HIPAA/Security Breach training for staff and providers.
3. New Staff Orientation program.
4. The Voice of Leadership training for supervisors.
5. Zero tolerance of consumer abuse.
6. Mandated reporter training.

E. Legislative Update

Sara provided the committee with copies of the following bill files:

1. Bills being monitored by NLACRC (August 2014)
2. Priority Legislative Bills (August 2014)

Rather than review all of the bills in both files, Sara highlighted just the priority bills with the committee. Sara also provided the committee with information about the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) which was recently signed by President Obama. The Act will help workers, including workers with disabilities, access employment, education, job-driven training, and support services that given the m the changes to advance their careers and secure the good jobs of the future.

**Action:** Sara will amend the bill files to include another column called, “recommended action” (e.g. write a letter, visit the legislator).

**Action:** Rather than e-mailing the bill files to the committee prior to the meetings, Jennifer will include copies of them in the meeting packets, which are mailed out 1 week prior to the meeting.

Sean suggested that the committee pay special attention to bills that were authored locally and noted that 3 of the bills in the priority bill file were authored by local legislators. He suggested that the committee take action on these bills.

1. AB 1174 (Raul Bocanegra): Dental professionals: tele-dentistry under Medi-Cal
2. AB 2299 (Adrin Nazarian): Developmental services: health insurance co-payments
3. SB 577 (Fran Pavley): Autism and other developmental disabilities: employment

Connie shared copies of her “red book” a legislative handbook that she finds very helpful.

**Action:** Jennifer will pursue obtaining copies of the legislative red books for the committee members.

#### F. Proposed Change to Board Audit

In reviewing the committee’s section of the Board Audit last month, an error was noted. Section 4.F. makes reference to an “expenditure plan” which no longer exists.

**M/S/C** (D. Daniels/S. Stalbaum) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to approve deleting item 4.F. from the Government & Community Relations Committee's section of the Board Audit.

## **V. Board Meeting Agenda Items**

The following items were identified for the committee's section of the September 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting:

- A. Minutes of August 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting
- B. Legislative Update
- \*C. Approval of Change to Board Audit

## **VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input**

### A. Self-Determination Program

Connie brought up the self-determination program, but the program had already been discussed in detail at the Consumer Services meeting. Michele told Connie that we are working on our implementation plan, which will involve our community and lots of trainings. Harvey reported that the self-determination initiative was born in in Michigan – you can Google it to find out more.

### B. Complete Meeting Evaluations

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

### C. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

## **VII. Adjournment**

Tavia adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by,

*Jennifer Kaiser*

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\* Board Action Item