

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Housing Committee Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2014

Present: Yolanda Bosch, Jonathan Istrin, Duane Joslin, Elizabeth Lyons, Debra Newman, Kim Rolfes, George Stevens, and Tavia Wooley – Committee Members
Juan Hernandez – Board Member
Erica Beall and Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Member

Absent: Richard Dier

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Tavia Wooley, chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Introductions were made.

II. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (D. Joslin/E. Lyons) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of the May 12th Meeting

M/S/C (D. Joslin/E. Lyons) To approve the minutes as presented.

III. Public Input – There was no public input.

IV. Committee Business

A. Elect a Committee Chair

M/S/C (D. Newman/E. Lyons) To elect Tavia Wooley to serve as the committee chair for this fiscal year.

B. Annual Committee Orientation (Review Policies & Procedures)

Copies of the committee's policies and procedures were provided for everyone's information. The main purpose of the committee is to establish a board housing policy that will guide the center in maximizing affordable and permanent housing opportunities/resources for consumers, within the

center's catchment area. The composition of the committee should include 1 or 2 Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) members.

Action: Jonathan will ask for another VAC representative to serve on this committee at the next VAC meeting.

C. FY 2014-15 Committee Meeting Schedule

The committee is scheduled to meet at 12:00 p.m. on the following dates this fiscal year:

1. Monday, August 11, 2014
2. Monday, November 17, 2014
3. Monday, February 9, 2015
4. Monday, May 11, 2015

Additional meeting dates can be added, if needed.

D. FY 2013-14 Committee Action Log

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

E. Update on Community Placement Plan (CPP) Activities

Lanterman Developmental Center (LDC) is scheduled to close on December 31, 2014. NLACRC only has 6 consumers left at LDC and they will be moved into the community very soon.

Erica reported that the center currently has 2 housing-related projects under development using Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment (HOPE), a nonprofit housing developer, and Brilliant Corners (formerly West Bay Housing Corporation) which acquires and renovates property.

For our FY 2010-11 CPP, we have 2 homes (Babcock and Dearborn) which are nearly ready for occupancy pending approval from licensing. The Babcock home is an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Specialized Healthcare Needs (ARFPSHN) and will be operated by Elwyn California. The service provider for the Dearborn property will be National Support Services.

We have additional housing projects we would like to start but the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS's) housing guidelines don't provide us with protections as a center.

A company called Allied Argenta contacted us recently to see if we might be able to collaborate on affordable housing projects. We met with them on July 30th for a brainstorming session so they could understand what we do and how we might be able to work together for mutual benefit.

F. Update on Housing Legislation

Yolanda gave the following reports:

1. The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) is working with regional center and DDS representatives to develop housing guidelines for FY 2015-16. Their first meeting will be held this Thursday.
2. ARCA has reconstituted their Housing Committee; it will fall under the jurisdiction of the statewide Community Services Directors Group. The statewide group will be meeting in October.

Action: Yolanda will give a report on the October Community Services Directors Group meeting at the next quarterly Housing Committee meeting.

3. DDS is working on eligibility for rental assistance for consumers. More information to come!

G. Committee Goals/Priorities for FY 2014-15

The committee reviewed their priorities for last fiscal year. They decided to keep most of their priorities the same, except they changed priority #3 and eliminated priority #5. The following 6 priorities were identified:

1. Identify possible funding streams for housing projects.
2. Share legislative information with the Government & Community Relations Committee, the Vendor Advisory Committee, and with elected officials.

3. Develop a 1-page informational sheet [with a disclaimer] for distribution that would explain ways that family members could hold their homes in trust for their consumers.
4. Explore all types of housing information at each Housing Committee meeting and make time at meetings for presentations by various housing organizations.
5. Review Request for Proposals (RFPs) for housing grants in our catchment area.
6. Monitor the housing development for consumers coming out of developmental centers and other large facilities.

M/S/C (D. Joslin/J. Istrin) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to approve the committee's priorities as modified.

Action: Kim will contact Tom Beltran, attorney, to determine if he would be able to provide a one-page informational sheet (priority #3). There was discussion regarding how the one-page information sheet should be disseminated to interested consumers and families; however the committee agreed to defer this action until such time the one-page informational sheet was available.

Regarding priority #4, Kim asked the committee if they had any suggestions or ideas for future presentations at the Housing Committee meetings. The following suggestion was made: tax credits are given for developers who have set-asides for elderly and homeless, how do we get set asides for people with developmental disabilities?

Action: Jonathan will contact Roschella Star at the Department of Health Care Services in Sacramento; Roschella used to work for California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) in Sacramento and she may be willing to provide the committee with information on this topic.

VI. Board Meeting Agenda Items

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

- A. Minutes of August 11th Meeting
- * B. Approval of Committee Goals/Priorities for FY 2014-15

VII. Announcements / Information

- A. Next Quarterly Meeting: Monday, November 17th, at 12:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Tavia adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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