

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2015

Present: Dorothy Daniels, Myriam Jovel, Debra Newman, Lou Paparozzi, Sean Stalbaum, Angela White, and Tavia Wooley – Committee Members
Michelle Heid– Vendor Advisory Committee Representative
Richard Dier and Cheryl Hendrickson, Angelo Valente, and Bonnie White – Guests
Diane Ambrose, Susana Gil, Ruth Janka, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, and George Stevens – Staff Members

Absent: All present

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Tavia Wooley, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Introductions were made.

II. Public Input – There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

The date in item V.A. was changed from April 15th to May 20th.

M/S/C (D. Newman/L. Paparozzi) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of April 15th Meeting

M/S/C (D. Newman/L. Paparozzi) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Review and Approve Draft Critical Calendar for next Fiscal Year

Copies of the proposed critical calendar were presented to the committee. The committee would like a monthly update on the self-determination program added to their calendar.

M/S/C (L. Paparozzi/S. Stalbaum) To approve the committee's FY 2015-16 critical calendar as modified.

B. Presentation of Changes to Educational/Vocational Service Standard

This service standard is being updated to embrace the Vendor Advisory Committee's Employment First philosophy. The language that is being added was identified in green type and Diane reviewed the new language with the committee. The proposed changes will be presented at the June 10th board meeting for the board's review and input. The standard will be presented again at the July 16th committee meeting along with any input submitted.

C. Self-Determination Program Update

The center will be phasing in the program with 174 consumers over a 3-year period. Ruth Janka announced that 32 applications were submitted by individuals from the community who were interested in serving on our volunteer advisory committee. The selection committee met today and identified applicants to fill the 3 remaining openings. Once the applicants have been notified of the selection committee's decision, the names of the appointees will be announced. Ruth added that they had excellent applicants to choose from and it was very difficult to make the final decision. The first committee meeting will be held sometime next month. These actions meet with the timeline recommended by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS); they wanted the committee members identified by the end of May and for the first committee meetings to be held sometime before the end of June.

Flyers have been sent out for NLACRC's self-determination program community meetings. A meeting will be held in each of the 3 valleys served by the center:

1. San Fernando Valley: Tuesday, May 26th, at 6:00 p.m.
2. Santa Clarita Valley: Tuesday, June 2nd, at 6:00 p.m.
3. Antelope Valley: Thursday, June 11th, at 6:00 p.m.

A PowerPoint presentation has been specially created for these meetings in language that is easy to understand. However, although we have information from the statute that we can share at the meetings, we have not received any new information or direction from DDS since December 30, 2014. So we actually, have more questions than answers at this point.

Action: The committee would like the center's 5 volunteer advisory committee members announced at the 3 community meetings.

D. 3rd Quarter Appeals Report

During the 3rd quarter of FY 2014-15:

1. Eligibility: 375 Notices of Action were sent and 12 were returned (appealed).
2. Service: 233 Notices of Action were sent and 13 were returned.
3. Hearings: 6 fair hearings were held:
 - 2 eligibility hearings (both denied)
 - 4 service hearings (2 partially granted and 2 denied)

E. Board Audit: Ensure Community Placement Plan (CPP) is Being Met

The center's CPP was met 2 months ahead of schedule! (see report below).

F. Monthly Community Placement Plan (CPP) Report

Copies of the written CPP report for April 2015 were provided to the committee and Diane reviewed it with them. The center's goal for this fiscal year was to place 15 consumers out of developmental centers. To date, the center has met this goal and has placed 15 consumers into homes in the community. The center has submitted its CPP for next fiscal year to DDS and is awaiting their approval.

G. Questions re: Monthly Quality Assurance and Special Incident Reports

These reports are provided at each board meeting as part of George's director's report. They are an agenda item at this meeting in case anyone had any questions regarding either report. There were no questions regarding either report.

V. Board Meeting Agenda Items

The following items were identified for the committee's section of the June 10th board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of May 20th Meeting
- B. Presentation of Changes to Educational/Vocational Service Standard
- C. Self-Determination Program Update
 1. Selection of Board Member to Serve on Volunteer Advisory Committee
- D. 3rd Quarter Appeals Report

VI. Announcements / Information Items / 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, July 15th, at 6:00 p.m. (no June meeting)

C. Richard Dier announced that he attended a meeting on self-determination held by the Autism Society of Los Angeles last night; over 125 people were there! He hopes that the center has a good turnout for their self-determinations meetings as well. Richard is enthusiastic about the program, but does have concerns about the good stewardship of public funds and risk management.

D. The committee thanked Tavia for her leadership of the committee this fiscal year!

VII. Adjournment

Tavia adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

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