

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

August 4, 2015

**Present:** Pam Aiona, Mary Jo Fernando, Daniel Garcia, Juan Hernandez, Hillary Marides, and William Rayber – Committee Members  
Viviana Bautista and Gerald Robles – Guests  
Jennifer Kaiser and Jose Rodriguez – Staff Members

**Absent:** Lesly Forbes and Precious Malumfashi

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**1. Call to Order & Introductions**

Mary Jo Fernando, CAC chair, called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. Introductions were made.

**2. Public Input**

William announced that at night's Strategic Planning Committee meeting they talked about finding ways to get the governor to understand our need for the 10% increase in funding for service providers and regional centers as proposed by The Lanterman Coalition. Although the funding increase is supported by most of our legislators, the governor still isn't supporting it. Mary Jo reported that she recently attended a legislative strategy meeting held at NLACRC and a lot of good ideas were shared about how to get the governor to listen to us. She suggested that the CAC organize a rally that could be held at the governor's office in Los Angeles; perhaps we could get the service coordinators' union to help us.

**M/S/C** (W. Rayber/H. Marides) To spend time at next month's CAC meeting figuring out strategies to get Governor Brown to support our need for the 10% increase to support programs and service providers.

**Action:** Jennifer will provide the CAC with information about the location of the governor's Los Angeles office.

**3. Consent Items**

A. Approval of Agenda

**M/S/C** (W. Rayber/D. Garcia) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of June 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

**M/S/C** (W. Rayber/P. Aiona) To approve the minutes as presented.

**4. Presentation: Annual CAC Orientation**

At the beginning of each new fiscal year, all of the board committees, including the CAC, review their policies. This helps refresh the memories of the current members and helps educate any new members.

A. Review Policies and Procedures

Copies of the CAC policies and procedures were provided and read aloud. The purpose of the committee is to provide the Board of Trustees with any recommendations they have on matters that are important to consumers.

B. Review Meeting Protocol

Copies of the meeting protocol were provided, which included the following 3 points:

1. Raise your hand if you want to say something.
2. Do not interrupt others while they are talking.
3. Do not carry on a conversation with the person next to you while someone else is speaking.

C. Review Voting Procedures

Copies of the voting process were provided to the committee and Jennifer explained how the voting process works. The reason the voting process is important is because it makes sure each person's opinion is heard.

D. Group Photo for NLACRC's Website - *Deferred*

This agenda item was deferred until next month in the hopes that more committee members would be present.

**5. Committee Business**

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

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Government Day will be held at the Panorama mall on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Congressman Tony Cardenas and Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian will both be there. CAC members could go there and meet them!

B. Report on Access Services Meeting

Hilary reported that Access Services is considering a fare increase. This is too bad because a lot of consumers can't afford to make all of the trips they want to now. They will lose federal funding without it. A vote will be held later this month. William heard that the proposed increase was for the northern division only.

C. Report on LA Care Meeting

Liz Lyons was nominated chair of the LA Care CCI consumer council for 2 years.

D. Reports on Special Olympic World Games

Daniel reported that he attended the opening ceremonies for the games and Michelle Obama was there. Jennifer reported that NLACRC allowed staff to participate in "fans in the stands" for the locally held soccer games. About 100 staff were able to go and cheer on the athletes.

E. Updated Event Calendar

Jose provided copies of the CAC's updated event calendar and also provided them with flyers for various events. Mary Jo added that free concerts are held at Warner Center park on Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. through September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**6. New Business**

A. Report on July 10<sup>th</sup> ARCA Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting (William)

William represents NLACRC on statewide CAC. At the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, they committee had the following business:

1. An update on legislation and budget
2. The development of their Facebook page

3. Individual reports from each member on what activities their center is currently involved in.
4. A brainstorming session was held to generate ideas on how to rebuild California's service system for consumers.

The next ARCA CAC meeting will be held Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, in Sacramento.

B. Review CAC Action Log from FY 2014-15

All of the actions that the CAC took last fiscal year were listed in a log. Copies of the log were provided. The CAC took a total of 45 actions last fiscal year!

C. Review Goals from FY 2014-15 and Identify Goals for FY 2015-16

Jose provided the committee with copies of their goals from last fiscal year and read them aloud.

**Action:** At next month's CAC meeting, the committee will revisit their goals and determine what goals they want to set for this fiscal year.

D. Training/Presentation Calendar for FY 2015-16

**Action:** CAC members should come to the next meeting with ideas for presentations or trainings that Jose could arrange for them this fiscal year.

E. Review Agenda for August 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees Meeting (Jennifer)

Copies of the agenda were provided to the committee. Highlights of the meeting will include:

1. The approval of 4 contracts with service providers.
2. Approval of committee priority issues for FY 2015-16.
3. The election of Adam Stokes to the CAC!

6. **Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting**

The following agenda items were identified for the CAC's section of the August 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting:

A. Minutes from August 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

B. Committee Event Calendar

**7. Announcements / Information / Public Input**

A. CAC Attendance Sheet

The CAC attendance policy states that members must not miss 3 meetings in a row or 5 meetings in 12 months. Unfortunately, Precious has missed 5 of the last 9 meetings, so she will have to resign from her position on the CAC.

B. Disability Scoop News

Copies of the most recent news bulletin were provided. The latest headlines included:

1. Analysis ranks best states for disability services.
2. Nike unveils shoes for people with special needs.
3. Justice Department says Georgia illegally segregates students.

C. Next CAC Meeting: Tuesday, September 1st, at 2:00 p.m.

**8. Adjournment**

Mary Jo adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

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