

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2015

Present: Jun Antonio, Jessica Gould, Marcia Leija, Debra Newman, Sean Stalbaum, Jeremy Sunderland, and Curtis Wang – Committee Members
William Rayber – Board Member
Michelle Heid – Vendor Advisory Committee Representative
Rebecca Lienhard – Executive Director, Tierra del Sol Foundation
Diane Ambrose, Sara Iwahashi, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, and George Stevens – Staff Members

Absent: Caroline Mitchell and Bridget Moss

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Jessica Gould, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Introductions were made. This is going to be an abbreviated meeting as Michelle Heid will be giving the committees a 2-hour legislative training this evening.

II. Public Input

Rebecca reported that she just returned from Sacramento where she was busy meeting with legislators to discuss the possibility of putting together a bill that would increase funding for the developmental disabilities system. Also, she and her partner organizations are working with many other service provider agencies and regional centers to implement a more effective legislative strategy than letter writing and occasional rallies at the governor's office. That approach did not generate enough support to overcome the governor's objections to funding our system. The new strategy is to hold positive and polite, but constant vigils at the offices of the 5 most influential legislators in the Los Angeles area. Trainings for vigil participants would begin in December. We want these legislators to work with the governor to make sure additional funding for our system is included in the state budget for next fiscal year. Rebecca asked the committee if they would like to join this effort.

M/S/C (M. Leija/J. Gould) To recommend to the Executive Committee to support this new legislative strategy on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

III. Adjournment

Jessica adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Submitted by:

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