

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2015

Present: Diane Ambrose, Mary Jo Fernando, Craig Girard, Sara Iwahashi, Ellen Jannol, Michele Marra, William Rayber, Kim Rolfes, Cynthia Sewell, Angela White, and Todd Withers – Committee Members
Erica Beall and Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Members

Absent: Yolanda Bosch, Charles Devlin, Jenean Glover, and George Stevens,

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by William Rayber, chair, at 6:05 p.m. Introductions were made.

II. Public Input – There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Two items were added to the agenda.

M/S/C (C. Sewell/E. Jannol) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of August 3, 2015 Meeting

M/S/C (C. Girard/M.J. Fernando) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. 2016 Performance Contract

William reported that the Board of Trustees approved the center's 2016 performance contract at the October 14th board meeting.

1. Addendum to the performance contract guidelines

Earlier this month, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) directed regional centers to add at least 2 additional measures to their 2016 performance contracts that would “measure process in reducing disparities

and improving equity in purchase of service expenditures.” DDS provided the centers with a list of measures to choose from. Staff are recommending that the committee select the last 3 measures on the list that would incorporate data from the National Core Indicators studies.

M/S/C (C. Girard/M.J. Fernando) To add the last 3 measures on the list to NLACRC’s 2016 performance contract.

We need to post the 3 new measures on our website for 10 days to allow for public input, then the measures must be presented to the board first for their review and then for their approval. As such, the 3 additional measures will be presented at the November board meeting, but as the board doesn’t meet in December, the board will need to approve them in January. We will not be able to meet DDS’s December 1st deadline, but they are aware that we will be late due to our compliance with board protocol.

B. Update on NLACRC Programs that have Closed

Erica presented an updated summary on NLACRC’s program closures to the committee. The majority of program closures was due to financial/rate issues.

Fiscal Year	Program Closures	Consumers Impacted
2015-16 (so far)	16	139
2014-15	22	78
2013-14	12	112
2012-13	10	71
2011-12	20	1,096
2010-11	4	47
2009-10	6	133
2008-09	8	138
Total:	98	1,814

C. Legislative Strategy for FY 2015-16

Michelle Heid will be giving a legislative training from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18th, in lieu of the committee meetings. After receiving the training, the committee will decide if they want to expand the training to the

board or to consumers and families. The center is also making steps to hire a legislative consultant and an ad hoc committee needs to be formed to identified the goals and objectives of this new position. Also, the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) is organizing activities that will celebrate the 50th anniversary of The Lanterman Act, which may include a legislative strategy.

D. Update on the Self-Determination Program

Diane reported that the center is hiring for a self-determination specialist who will be responsible for coordinating our outreach activities. Our local volunteer advisory committee is now meeting on a monthly basis and their meeting minutes are being posted on the center's website. We will be presenting information about the self-determination program, in Spanish, at our next annual Festival Educacional, which will be held on November 7th, at New Horizons.

E. ARCA's Resource Limitation Survey Results – Deferred

F. Committee's Priorities for FY 2015-16

The committee's priorities from last fiscal year were reviewed and discussed.

M/S/C (M. Marra/C. Girard) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to approve the committee's priorities for this fiscal year, as stated below.

1. Employment
 - Get a general understanding of The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.
 - Track legislation: public policy needs to be changed to enable regional centers to provide services to adults 18-22 years of age.
2. Self-Determination
 - Provide creative opportunities to our consumers.
3. Sustainability of the System
 - Quality assurance
 - Staff qualifications
 - Long term planning and resources (7 to 10 years)
 - Track the activities of the Developmental Centers Task Force
4. National Core Indicators
 - Become educated on the basics of the NCI project.

Action: Diane will give the committee a presentation on the basics of the NCI project at the next quarterly Strategic Planning Committee meeting on February 1, 2016.

G. Best Practices

The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) recently sent information on statewide regional center best practices to the regional centers for their review and input. Sara shared this information with the committee and practices that the center has not yet put into place were highlighted in yellow. Sara reviewed these best practice activities with the committee.

V. **Board Meeting Agenda Items**

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

- A. Minutes of November 2nd Meeting
- B. Presentation of 3 Additional Measures to the 2016 Performance Contract
- C. Approval of Committee Priorities for FY 2015-16

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

- A. Next Meeting: Monday, February 1, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

VII. **Adjournment**

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

Submitted by,

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