

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Housing Committee Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2015

Present: Yolanda Bosch, Richard Dier, Elizabeth Lyons, Debra Newman, Kim Rolfes, George Stevens, and Todd Withers – Committee Members
Jonathan Istrin – Vendor Advisory Committee Representative
Erica Beall and Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Members

Absent: All present

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Todd Withers, chair, called the meeting to order at 12:21p.m. Introductions were made.

II. Public Input – There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (D. Newman/G. Stevens) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of August 10th Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (D. Newman/R. Dier) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Approved Housing Committee Priorities for FY 2015-16

The Board of Trustees approved the committee's priorities for this fiscal year, as presented, at the October 14th board meeting. Copies of the approved priorities were provided to the Housing Committee and Todd read them aloud.

B. George's 2006 Housing Presentation

At the last quarterly committee meeting, George had mentioned that he had given the board a housing presentation on the various types of housing activities that the board could get involved in. The committee was interested

in seeing that presentation. Copies of the presentation were provided to the Housing Committee and reviewed. George reported that the board chose to continue creating housing options in collaboration with Home Ownership Made Easy (HOME) and the Southern California Integrated Health and Living Project (SCIHLP). Some centers decided to start their own nonprofit housing corporations, separate from their regional center, with separate executive directors and board of trustees to do their corporation's fund raising. But several of those centers ran into issues with the Department of Developmental Services on the way they ran their housing corporations.

C. Update on Community Placement Plan (CPP) Activities

Erica provided a written report on the status of the center's CPP projects for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15. The CPP projects for FY 2015-16 have been posted on our website. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) only allows CPP funding to be used for consumers moving out of locked facilities and into the community.

D. Update on Housing Legislation – *No Report*

E. Update on Housing Developments

A housing group at the state level is trying to figure out how to provide affordable housing options but we are not sure how regional centers will be affected by this – if at all.

Yolanda added that the center's rates are so low that many of our homes and programs are closing and others are not interested in being vendored to provide homes and programs due to the rates. And with the CMS final rule coming out, it will make the situation even more challenging.

There was discussion among the committee members about various types of funding used for housing such as HUD Section 811 vouchers.

DDS is holding a housing meeting tomorrow with regional centers, supported living service providers, and developers.

F. Merging Housing into the Strategic Planning Committee

Kim stated that this committee was established because the Lanterman Developmental Center was going to be closing and we were facing challenges finding affordable housing options in the community. The developmental center

is now closed and all of its consumers are now living in community settings. In addition, the center now has very few consumers living in the developmental centers. As such, Kim recommended that the Housing Committee be disbanded and that future housing issues be brought before the Strategic Planning Committee, as that committee is charged with “closing service gaps.” Under the circumstances, the committee agreed with Kim’s recommendation.

Action: The Housing Committee will hold its 2 remaining meetings scheduled for this fiscal year and next fiscal year, housing issues will be incorporated into the Strategic Planning Committee’s responsibilities.

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 9th Meeting
- B. Consensus re: Moving Housing into Strategic Planning Committee

VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. Richard announced that he is looking for someone with expertise in licensing requirements to help him decide whether or not he should keep his son’s current home for him – or if it would be better to turn it into a group home and find another home for his son.
- B. Next Quarterly Meeting: Monday, February 8th, at 12:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

M/S/C (G. Stevens/E. Lyons) To adjourn the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Submitted by:

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