

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Government & Community Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2016

Present: Jun Antonio, Jessica Gould, Marcia Leija, Caroline Mitchell, Bridget Moss, Jeremy Sunderland, and Curtis Wang – Committee Members
Michelle Heid – Vendor Advisory Committee Representative
Diane Ambrose, Sara Iwahashi, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, and George Stevens – Staff Members

Absent: Debra Newman

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Jeremy Sunderland, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. and introductions were made.

II. Public Input – There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Items IV.A.3. and IV.A.4. were added to the agenda.

M/S/C (B. Moss/J. Antonio) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of March 16th Meeting

M/S/C (B. Moss/J. Antonio) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Legislative Update

1. Updated Bill File: Copies of the committee's updated bill file were provided to the committee and Sara highlighted specific bills with them. After discussion, the following actions were taken.

M/S/C (M. Leija/J. Gould) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to take a support position on SB 873 (Beall).

M/S/C (J. Sunderland/B. Moss) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to take a support position on SB 1053 (Leno).

M/S/C (B. Moss/M. Leija) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to take a support position on SB 1221 (Hertzberg).

M/S/C (J. Gould/M. Leija) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to take a support position on AB 2734 (Atkins).

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M/S/C (J. Sunderland/M. Leija) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to take a watch position on SB 1034 (Mitchell).

Action: The committee would like AB 2855 (Frazier) presented to the Vendor Advisory Committee for their discussion and recommended position.

2. Report on ARCA Grass Roots Day Activities: Michele Marra expressed her appreciation to the members of the 2 teams that went to Sacramento to visit with legislators at the State Capitol as part of ARCA's Grass Roots Day activities on March 30th. Jessica and Marcia were both team members and gave reports on their visits with the legislators, who they described as engaged and interested. A networking session was held the night before the visits and a lunchtime rally was held the next day to thank the legislators for supporting ABX2 1. Michelle Heid stated that she felt a brief legislative training would be beneficial prior to the visits to go over meeting tips (such as "wear comfortable shoes!").
3. Local Grass Roots Week Visits: Some of the visits with our local legislators have already been held and staff are busy trying to schedule to the rest of them. The staff lead for each team is responsible for preparing their team for the legislative visit.
4. Report on April 8th Legislative Breakfast: The breakfast was very well-attended and gave us the opportunity to thank our local legislators for supporting the ABX2 1 funding for the developmental disabilities system. We had some great speakers, including Board President Lou, and Tierra

del Sol Foundation prepared framed artwork for each of the attending legislators.

B. Establish a Planning Committee for the Lanterman Act 50th Anniversary Party

A committee is being established to plan for the center's open house, the Lanterman Act's 50th anniversary, and the unveiling of the center's new logo. The events will take place in November or December. Sara reported that ARCA is working on a DVD project on the Lanterman Act to show at the June 17th ARCA Board of Directors meeting and are asking regional centers to submit a short DVD clip (90 seconds) to them by May 24th to include in their project. Fredlyn Berger, from the Vendor Advisory Committee, volunteered to serve on the planning committee.

Action: Any committee members interested in serving on the planning committee should contact Jennifer within the next week or two.

C. Revised Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Legislative Consultant

Now that the system will be getting some additional funding next fiscal year, Sara changed the tone of the RFP accordingly. The draft RFP was reviewed by the committee. It was noted that the dates would need to be changed.

M/S/C (B. Moss/M. Leija) To recommend to the Executive Committee to approve the RFP, as modified, on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

D. Update on Social Media Consultant

Three proposals were submitted in response to our RFP and we have scheduled an interview with one of the agencies on April 27th. Michele Marra thanked Marcia, Debra, and Bridget for their help in the selection process.

E. Review Service Provider and Elected Representative Visit Policy; Begin Discussion re: the Board's Legislative Strategy for FY 2016-17

Typically at this time of year, we begin thinking about what our legislative strategy should be for the upcoming fiscal year.

Action: The committee would like to hold a candidates forum in the fall to meet with candidates who are running for local open Assembly and Senate positions.

V. **Board Meeting Agenda Items**

The following items were identified for the committee's section of the May 11th board meeting:

- A. Minutes of the April 20th Meeting
- B. Updated Bill File
- C. Update on Social Media Consultant
- D. Recommended **Support** Position:
 - 1. SB 873 (Beall): Income/Insurance Taxes; Low-Income Housing
 - 2. SB 1053 (Leno): Housing Discrimination/Applications
 - 3. SB 1221 (Hertzberg): Firefighters Training Course
 - 4. AB 2734 (Atkins): Local Control Affordable Housing Act
- E. Recommended **Watch** Position:
 - 1. SB 1034 (Mitchell): Health Care Coverage/Autism
 - 2. AB 2383 (Medina): Autism Employment & Education Act
 - 3. AB 2642 (Garcia): Removing Barriers to Employment Act

VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input

A. Complete Meeting Evaluations

Jeremy asked the committee members to please complete evaluation forms after the meeting and submit them to him with any comments.

- B. Jessica announced that she will be graduating with her BA next month! Congratulations Jessica!
- C. Marcia reported that she visited United Cerebral Palsy's program in Chatsworth. She will give a report on it at the next board meeting.
- D. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 18th

VII. Adjournment

Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

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