

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2016

- Present:** Sandra Baker, Victoria Berrey, Nicole Carter, Mercedes Del Cid, Allison Cameron Gray, Debra Newman, Bebo Saab – Committee Members
Ruth Janka, Evelyn Chamorro, George Stevens – NLACRC Staff
Julie Eby-McKenzie – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Andrea Devers, Shannon Murphy, Anna Nasser, Diana Sanchez, Nick Vukotic, - Guests
- Absent:** Royce Abrams, Richard Dier, Ellen Jannol, Michelle Heid– Committee Members
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1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Debra Newman at 7:04 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions from the Committee were made. Debra asked the guests to introduce themselves.

2. Public Input & Comments

George Stevens stated that there was an email sent by Judy Mark that asked stakeholders to call legislators in support of allowing Advisory Committee members to participate in Self Determination outreach. He asked if any Committee members had comment. Debra and Victoria expressed satisfaction with the outreach process to date.

Debra and Bebo mentioned upcoming training opportunities offered by OCRA, SCDD and Tierra del Sol.

Julie announced that Royce Abrams resigned from the Committee. The SCDD will appoint someone new, but the SCDD main office needs to approve the appointment.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (B. Saab/M. Del Cid) To approve the Agenda.

Abrams	Absent	Gray	Yes
Baker	Yes	Heid	Absent
Berrey	Yes	Jannol	Absent
Carter	Yes	Newman	Yes
Del Cid	Yes	Saab	Yes
Dier	Absent		

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 21 Meeting:

M/S/C (N. Carter/B. Saab) To approve the Agenda.

Abrams	Absent	Gray	Yes
Baker	Yes	Heid	Absent
Berrey	Yes	Jannol	Absent
Carter	Yes	Newman	Yes
Del Cid	Yes	Saab	Yes
Dier	Absent		

C. Approval of Future Meeting Locations.

M/S/C (S. Baker/N. Carter) To meet on June 16 at NLACRC in Van Nuys.

Abrams	Absent	Gray	Yes
Baker	Yes	Heid	Absent
Berrey	Yes	Jannol	Absent
Carter	Yes	Newman	Yes
Del Cid	Yes	Saab	Yes
Dier	Absent		

4. **Committee Reports**

Board actions – Debra reported that there were no new Board of Trustees actions. She reiterated the reporting policy.

5. **NLACRC/DDS/Update**

Ruth Janka distributed several items for the Committee’s review and feedback.

Interest List and Outreach – this list provides a breakdown of the interested consumers was provided by geographic region, age, race/ethnicity, gender and eligibility category of consumer. The number of interested participants has increased to 86. Evelyn Chamorro has done outreach to 10 groups and has 6 more scheduled. Most of the consumers interested are in the San Fernando Valley and white. Mercedes asked if we know the demographic breakdown of other Regional Centers; Ruth said no, but we do know some Regional Centers have had more interest than others. Bebo suggested doing outreach through schools, because most kids go to school. Sandra and Victoria said it is difficult to get schools to distribute non-school information. Ruth was concerned that schools may use it as an opportunity to tell parents to request services through Self Determination rather than through the generic services. Bebo asked if consumers can indicate on their IPP if they are interested; Ruth asked that they contact her or Evelyn directly.

Information sheets – a draft of a one page information sheet (English) on SDP was provided for feedback. Minor changes were suggested. It will be professionally translated into Spanish.

Email Update – the Committee reviewed the draft email update to participants on the SDP interest list was distributed. It will be professionally translated into Spanish.

Presentation – copies of the outreach presentation in English and Spanish were distributed for comment.

Evelyn said she has simplified the presentation based on the types of questions and comments she gets. One common question is how the Self Determination program is better than existing services. Other questions are about the FMS, what comes out of the budget, what services may be available through Self Determination that are not currently available through traditional services. Sandra suggested starting the presentation with some history about Self Determination and why it came about, and that it may not be for everybody but it is good for some.

6. Old Business

A. None

7. New Business

A. Officer Elections. Richard wanted to discuss officer elections. Other topics we need to cover are terms of office (Bebo suggested a 2 years term), attendance, and definition of a quorum .

B. Future training topics. We have scheduled Person Centered Planning for June. Ruth and Julie said they would like to come up with a list of proposed training topics for the upcoming year, and the Committee agreed.

8. Public Comment

The film “We’re Here to Speak for Justice” was discussed.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Committee Vice Chair, Debra Newman, at 8:34 p.m.

Submitted by

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Secretary