

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Government & Community Relations Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
May 18, 2016

**Present:** Jun Antonio, Jessica Gould, Marcia Leija, Caroline Mitchell, Debra Newman, Jeremy Sunderland, and Curtis Wang – Committee Members  
Mary Jo Fernando – Board Member  
Michelle Heid – Vendor Advisory Committee Representative  
Diane Ambrose, Sara Iwahashi, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, and George Stevens – Staff Members

**Absent:** Bridget Moss

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**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

Jeremy Sunderland, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Public Input** – There was no public input.

**III. Consent Items**

A. Approval of Agenda

Item IV.A.4. was added to the agenda.

**M/S/C** (M. Leija/J. Sunderland) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of April 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**M/S/C** (J. Gould/C. Wang) To approve the minutes as presented.

**IV. Committee Business**

A. Legislative Update

1. Updated Bill File

Copies of the committee's bill file were provided and Michele provided updates on the following bills which were highlighted in yellow:

- AB 563 (Lopez) Developmental Services: NLACRC is watching this bill; ARCA is tracking it because they are concerned it would be too costly to implement.
- AB 796 (Nazarian) Health Care Cover for Autism: NLACRC is watching this bill; ARCA supports it.
- AB 1400 (Santiago) Regional Centers: NLACRC is watching this bill; ARCA is tracking it.
- AB 1565 (Lackey) Development Services Funding: NLACRC supports this bill; ARCA supports this bill as well.
- AB 1715 (Holden) Behavioral Analysis/Licensing: NLACRC changed its position from support to neutral; ARCA opposes this bill unless amended.
- AB 1809 (Lopez) CalWORKS Eligibility/Asset Limit: NLACRC is watching this bill; ARCA has not taken a position.
- AB 2383 (Medina) Autism Employment and Education Act: NLACRC is watching this bill; ARCA supports it.
- AB 2642 (multiple authors) Removing Barriers to Employment Act: NLACRC is watching this bill; ARCA supports it.
- AB 2734 (Atkins) Local Control Affordable Housing Act: NLACRC and ARCA both support this bill.
- AB 2855 (Frazier) Charitable Solicitations/Financial Disclosures: NLACRC is watching this bill; ARCA has not taken a position.
- SB 479 (Bates) Behavioral Analysis/Licensing: This bill is “dead;” it was replaced by AB 1715 (above).
- SB 490 (Beall) Regional Center Audits: NLACRC and ARCA both support this bill.
- SB 873 (Beall) Low Income Housing Tax Credit: NLACRC and ARCA both support this bill.
- SB 1034 (Mitchell) Health Care Coverage for Autism: NLACRC is watching this bill; ARCA has concerns.
- SB 1053 (Leno) Housing Discrimination/Applications: NLACRC and ARCA both support this bill.
- SB 1221 (Hertzberg) Training for Firefighters: NLACRC and ARCA both support this bill.

2. VAC’s Recommended Position on AB 2855 (Frazier): Oppose

Per this committee’s request, the Vendor Advisory Committee discussed this bill at their May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and are recommending an oppose position because service providers do not have the funds to implement this bill; it is another unfunded mandate.

**M/S/C** (D. Newman/J. Gould) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to oppose AB 2855 (Frazier).

3. Senate Sub 3 Budget Hearing: Narrative/Outcomes

ARCA's summary of the hearing was provided to the committee for their information. The following issues were on the agenda and discussed:

- Porterville Developmental Center
- Fiscal and Program Research Unit
- Four-bed Alternative Residential Model Homes
- Consumer Program Coordinators Funding
- Increased Vendor Audit Coverage
- Repeal Prevention Resources and Referral Services Program Statute
- Standards Authorizing Medical Services by Regional Centers
- May Revision Technical Adjustments

A summary of the Assembly's budget hearing should be out within the next couple of days.

**Action:** Jennifer will forward the summary of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee hearing to the committee once it has been released.

4. Legislative Visits

Jeremy asked committee members who had been on a legislative visit to please provide a brief report on how the meeting went.

- Mary Jo met with Senator Pavley's aide and spoke with her about how the ABX2-1 funding will help consumers with supported living services.
- Jeremy also met with Senator Pavley's aide and spoke about how important it was to have service providers adequately funded and the need to stabilize the system. Kim Rolfes and Wayne Tashjian (a service provider) also attended the meeting with Jeremy and Mary Jo. Jeremy added that unfortunately Senator Pavley is terming out.
- Marcia met with Assembly Member Lopez, who asked the team to please put in writing any information they spoke about with her and send it to her!

B. Finalize Legislative Strategy for FY 2016-17

**Action:** The committee will recommend that the board's legislative strategy for FY 2016-17 be:

1. To hold 2 candidate forums in September 2016.
2. To support viable service provider rates.

C. Planning Committee for the Lanterman Act 50th Anniversary Party

**Action:** Jessica, Marcia, Jeremy, and Debra all volunteered to serve on the planning committee.

**Action:** The committee will not hold any evening meetings and will incorporate conference calls as much as possible to conduct their business.

D. Review and Approve the Committee's Critical Calendar for FY 2016-17

The following changes were made to the draft critical calendar:

1. The reference to legislative "breakfast" will be changed to legislative "activity" as it may not be a breakfast.
2. The Lanterman Act 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party was added.
3. The reference to candidate "forum" should be changed to candidate "forums" as the center will be holding more than one.

**M/S/C** (M. Leija/D. Newman) To approve the committee's critical calendar, as modified.

**V. Board Meeting Agenda Items**

The following items were identified for the committee's section of the June 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting:

- A. Minutes of the May 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting
- B. Updated Bill File
- C. Recommended Position on AB 2855 (Frazier)
- D. Approval of Legislative Strategy for FY 2016-17

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

A. Complete Meeting Evaluations

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

B. Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> (no June meeting)

C. Michelle Heid reported that United Cerebral Palsy recently held a candidates forum and we didn't find out about it until it was over!

**Action:** Michele will follow-up with UCP to make sure we are notified of any future legislative events.

**VII. Adjournment**

Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Submitted by,

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