

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2016

Present: Pam Aiona, Melissa Ferman, Lesly Forbes, Jacob Freeman, Daniel Garcia, Hillary Marides, William Rayber – Committee Members

Mary Jo Fernando and Gerald Robles – Guests

Jennifer Kaiser and Jose Rodriguez – Staff Members

Absent: Adam Stokes and Ben Segel-Evans

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Daniel Garcia, CAC chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Introductions were made.

2. Public Input (3 minutes)

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

The group photo was moved to the end of the agenda.

M/S/C (L. Forbes/H. Marides) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of August 2nd Meeting

M/S/C (W. Rayber/L. Forbes) To approve the minutes as presented.

4. Committee Business

A. Reports on Employment, Transportation, Legislation, and Housing (All)

1. Daniel reported that Los Angeles will spend more than \$200 million over the next decade to settle a federal lawsuit alleging that the city failed to provide enough apartments for people with disabilities in its

publicly funded housing developments. LA will be required to ensure that 4,000 units are accessible to people who use wheelchairs, have hearing impairments, or live with other disabilities. The city could reach that goal by building additional apartments, redesigning existing ones or demonstrating that units already built are, in fact, accessible.

2. William reported that there is an accessible 2-bedroom apartment available to rent in his building. He lives in Canoga Park. Please contact him if you know of anyone interested.
3. Daniel reported that Assembly Member Matt Dababneh is holding a town hall meeting at Reseda High at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 10th and circulated a flier for that event.

B. Report on LA Care Meeting

Hillary reported that her LA Care group held a retreat last Thursday and Diana Dooley, secretary of California's Health and Human Services Agency was there. Hillary spoke to her about the need for doctor's examination tables to be accessible to patients who need to transfer. This is an issue that pertains to people with disabilities having access to proper health care and being able to be examined correctly. Ms. Dooley said she would look into it.

C. Approved CAC Goals for FY 2016-17

The Board of Trustees approved the CAC's goals for this fiscal year, which are:

1. CAC members will promote and support efforts for meaningful employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
2. CAC members will improve transportation services and will be a visible force at transportation meetings.

3. CAC members will work together to share information about current consumer issues at CAC meetings (like employment, transportation, legislation, and housing). Any information that the committee thinks is really important will be posted on their web page.
4. CAC members will learn more about housing options for people with developmental disabilities.
5. CAC members will educate other consumers about the CAC to promote involvement and membership.

D. Updated Event Calendar

Information for the following upcoming events were listed on the calendar:

1. Open Housing & Emergency Preparedness (Van Nuys Police Station, 6240 Sylmar Avenue): Saturday, September 17th, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
2. Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair (Fire Station 87, 10124 Balboa Blvd.): Saturday, October 1st, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
3. NLACRC Candidates Forums (see section 4.G. below)

E. Training/Presentation Calendar for FY 2016-17

Action: Daniel will contact the Department of Rehabilitation to find out if they can provide a short training at the February 2017 CAC meeting.

Evelyn Chamurro, the center's new self-determination specialist, would like to give a presentation on self-determination at the April or May CAC meeting.

Action: Jose will provide the CAC with copies of the meeting schedule for the center's self-advocacy group.

F. Review Agenda for the next Board of Trustees Meeting (Jennifer)

The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14th, at 6:30 p.m. at the center's main office in Van Nuys in the 1st floor conference room. Copies of the meeting agenda were provided to the CAC and Jennifer reviewed it with them.

G. Candidates Forums

NLACRC will be holding 2 candidates' forums to meet the people who are running for the open assembly and senate positions in our catchment area. Fliers for the forums were provided to the CAC. We want to get as many people as possible to these forums! The forums will be held:

1. Thursday, October 6th, at 6:30 p.m. (Santa Clarita Activities Center)
2. Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m. (Sam's Café at New Horizons, North Hills)

Please come to the forums and invite others to attend!

6. Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting

The following item was identified for the CAC's section of the September 14th Board of Trustees meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes from September 6 Meeting

7. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. CAC Attendance Sheet

The updated CAC attendance sheet is always included in the meeting packet. CAC members cannot miss 3 meetings in a row or 5 meetings in a 12-month period.

- B. Next CAC Meeting

The next CAC meeting will be held at the center's new main office at 9200 Oakdale Avenue in Chatsworth on Tuesday, October 4th at 2:00 p.m.

C. Group Photo of the CAC for the Website

A group photo of the CAC will be taken in the center's lobby area immediately following this meeting. Photo releases were provided.

8. Adjournment

Daniel adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

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