

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2016

Present: Jenean Glover, Bridget Moss, Debra Newman, Lou Paparozzi, and Todd Withers
– Committee Members
Diane Ambrose, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, Kim Rolfes, and George Stevens
– Staff Members

Absent: Dan Becerra

I. Call to Order

Lou Paparozzi, president, called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

II. Public Input -- There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Revised Agenda

A new Item IV.C. was added, Item V.A. was deleted, and Item VII. was deferred.

M/S/C (J. Glover/D. Newman) To approve the revised agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes from October 26th Meeting

M/S/C (D. Newman/J. Glover) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. DDS Board Composition Letter

We received a letter from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) stating that our board composition does not adequately reflect the Hispanic/Latino population. Copies of that letter were provided to the committee. After discussion, the committee came up with the following recommendations to help increase the number of Hispanic/Latino applicants:

1. Advertise our need for Hispanic/Latino applicants on our new Facebook page – year round.

2. Present information about the board member opportunity at each annual Festival Educacional.
3. Ask the Family Focus Resource Center to assist in our recruitment efforts.
4. Start the recruitment phase earlier in the year to allow more time to recruit applicants.
5. Involve Steve Miller and Michelle Heid in our recruitment efforts.
6. Make board recruitment a part of our efforts to reach out to under-served areas of our community.

Action: George will send a response letter to Brian Winfield and share with him the recommendations made above.

B. FY 2016-17 Board Budget vs. Expenses

The board budget for this fiscal year is \$87,000. As of November 17th, \$10,665.34 (12.26%) has been spent.

C. Approval of Contracts

The following contracts were reviewed by the Administrative Affairs Committee and they are recommending that the Executive Committee approve them, on behalf of the board, as the board is dark next month.

1. Le Foyer, Inc.
2. McRory Pediatric Services, Inc. (PL1607-605)
3. McRory Pediatric Services, Inc. (PL1609-612)
4. McRory Pediatric Services, Inc. (PL1602-612)
5. McRory Pediatric Services, Inc. (PL1610-615)
6. McRory Pediatric Services, Inc. (PL1601-615)
7. Partner7s for Potential (revised)

M/S/C (B. Moss/D. Newman) To approve the 7 contracts listed above, on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

D. Finalize Agenda for the January 11th Board Meeting (Santa Clarita)

The committee finalized the agenda for the next board meeting.

V. **Center Operations**

A. Self-Advocacy Group

At the last board meeting, Caroline Mitchell brought up some accessibility concerns that the self-advocacy group had after their first meeting at the new building. Michele reported that she is working with staff to address their concerns. We want them to transfer into the new building successfully.

C. Conference Call with DDS

At the last board meeting, a handful of service coordinators asked if they could meet with the board without executive management present – and were told no. After the board meeting, they met with Denise Thornquest, our DDS liaison, to share their concerns. DDS followed up with George about these concerns and they held a conference call with him last week to discuss the 8 issues brought up by the service coordinators. George gave the Executive Committee a status report on each of the 8 issues, as he did with DDS. DDS felt that George addressed the concerns adequately. Jenean suggested that in addition to the many meetings that management has with staff that a personal touch of going to their unit meetings might be beneficial.

Action: George will take Jenean’s suggestion and begin attending some of the unit meetings.

D. Trailer Bill Language (AB 1606)

We just received information from DDS about June 2016 trailer bill language that affects regional centers, developmental centers, and the developmental services system. George informed the committee that last summer he had a tracking sheet developed for each task. The center’s Expanded Leadership Group members have been working on each task and keep the tracking sheet updated. Copies of DDS’s letter and the center’s tracking sheet were provided to the committee.

E. Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) Final Rules

George has met with 2 of the center’s large residential providers and the families they serve to help them fully understand what changes must be made to the programs in order to come into compliance with the CMS rules by March 2019. Some drastic changes will have to be made to both of these programs.

F. Possible Policy Changes

We do not know at this point how the new presidential administration will affect services in California. But we will probably have an idea once we see what's in the governor's proposed budget for next fiscal year, which will be released in mid-January. The Southern CA regional center directors recently met and discussed developing a "safe haven" policy so families who are immigrants won't be afraid to reach out to the regional centers for the help they need.

VI. Announcements / Information Items

- A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 25th, at 7:15 p.m.

VII. Executive Session – *Deferred*

- A. Executive Director's Evaluation (HR director, CFO, and controller meet with board president and negotiating committee to review the performance evaluation and compensation process)

VIII. Adjournment

Lou wished everyone a happy and safe holiday and thanked them for all they do.

M/S/C (B. Moss/J. Glover) To adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jennifer Kaiser

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