

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2017

Present: Dan Becerra (via conference call), Bridget Moss (via conference call), Debra Newman, Lou Paparozzi, and Todd Withers – Committee Members
Diane Ambrose, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, Kim Rolfes, and George Stevens – Staff Members

Absent: Jenean Glover

I. Call to Order

Lou Paparozzi, president, called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

II. Public Input - There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

The executive session topic was changed to “employment matter.”

M/S/C (T. Withers/D. Becerra) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes from February 22nd Meeting

M/S/C (D. Becerra/T. Withers) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Report on the Arc/UCP Conference (Lou & Debra)

Lou and Debra attended the Arc/UCP’s 10th Annual Developmental Disabilities conference on March 26th and 27th in Sacramento along with Tamar Witmer, Jeremy Sunderland, Michelle Heid, and Steve Miller. On March 28th, they visited with legislators at the State Capitol. Lou provided a written summary of the conference and legislative visits that was prepared by Michelle Heid. Highlights included:

1. A lunch meeting with Rick Rollens, public policy expert.
2. Personal connections made with elected officials
3. Conference speaker Sue Swenson who shared her formula for inspiring legislators.

4. Updates on the state budget, SSI, Medicaid, workforce crisis, in-home support services, and the new community integrated employment program.
5. Talking points for the meetings with legislators were the importance of supporting AB 279 (Holden) and keeping community funding in the community.

Tamar would like the board to continue moving forward with getting legislators' support for AB 279 and encouraging them to co-author the bill.

Action: George will contact the other L.A. regional center executive directors and ask them if their center is supporting AB 279 and if they are, ask them to collaborate with us in a group effort to support AB 279.

George added that he and Amy Westling, interim director of ARCA, were interviewed by a report for the San Fernando Valley Business Journal for an article about how the local minimum wage increases are affect regional center service providers.

B. FY 2016-17 Board Budget vs. Expenses

The board's budget for this fiscal year is \$87,000. So far, the center has spent just 36.76% percent of their budget or \$31,983.96.

C. Finalize Agenda for the April 13th Board Meeting (Chatsworth)

The committee finalized the agenda for next month's board meeting.

V. **Center Operations**

A. Purchase of Service (POS) Expenditure Equity

The center is holding 3 community meetings to talk about how our POS dollars are spent. Two of the meetings have already been held; the third one will be held tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at the center's Antelope Valley office. The first 2 meetings went exceedingly well.

B. Immigration Issues

Many of the center's consumers and families are afraid to come to the regional center for services because of the recent round ups by Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers. George and Diane are

going to be meeting with an immigration attorney to gain information that we can share with our staff on what to say to consumers and families to put them more at ease.

VI. Announcements / Information Items

- A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 26th, at 7:15 p.m.

VII. Executive Session

- A. Employment Matter

M/S/C (D. Becerra/T. Withers) To go into executive session at 8:08 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted by,

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