

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**

February 6, 2017

**Present:** Diane Ambrose, Roschell Ashley, Yolanda Bosch, Sara Iwahashi, Ellen Jannol, Elizabeth Lyons, Michele Marra, William Rayber, Kim Rolfes, George Stevens, and Jeremy Sunderland – Committee Members  
Wayne Tashjian – VAC Representative  
Mindy Owens – Guest  
Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Member

**Absent:** Cindy Chiu, Richard Dier, and Marcia Leija

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**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

William Rayber called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and introductions were made.

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

**III. Consent Items**

A. Approval of Revised Agenda

**M/S/C** (E. Lyons/E. Jannol) To approve the revised agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2016 Meeting

**M/S/C** (E. Lyons/W. Tashjian) To approve the minutes as presented.

**IV. Committee Business**

A. ARCA's Draft Strategic Plan

Copies of ARCA's draft strategic plan were provided at the last quarterly SPC meeting and reviewed. Afterwards, committee members were asked to bring any input they had on the strategic plan to this meeting. There was no input.

B. Performance Contracts

1. Performance-Based Contract Data from DDS

Twice a year, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) provides reports to each of the 21 regional centers on where their numbers fell in

each performance contract category. Each center strives to improve on their own numbers and to also score better than the statewide average. Highlights of the report are below.

	<b>Performance Contract Area</b>	<b>Statewide Average</b>	<b>NLACRC</b>
1	Number and percent of total population with active status who are in developmental centers.	0.30%	0.13%
2	Children residing with families.	99.23%	99.5%
3	Adults residing in home settings.	78.81%	81.53%
4	Adults residing in adult foster home agencies.	0.97%	0.46%
5	Adults residing in an independent living setting.	11.05%	11.59%
6	Adults residing in the home of a parent or guardian.	61.31%	66.10%
7	Adults residing in a supported living setting.	5.48%	3.39%
8	Children residing in facilities with 7 or more beds.	0.05%	0.01%
9	Adults residing in facilities with 7 or more beds.	2.61%	2.69%
10	Status 2 consumers with current Client Development Evaluation Report (CDER).	98.39%	99.10%
11	Duration of time in intake.	0.39%	0.25%

NLACRC did better than the statewide average in every category, except the 9<sup>th</sup> one. The center's full report has been posted on the center's website.

## 2. DDS Approval of NLACRC's 2017 Performance Contract

The Board of Trustees adopted the center's 2017 performance contract and submitted it to DDS for their review and approval. DDS's approval letter, dated December 28<sup>th</sup>, was provided to the committee for their information. The 2017 performance contract is posted on the center's website.

C. SPC Priorities for FY 2016-17

1. Information on the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA): One of the committee's priorities for this fiscal year was to get a general understanding of the WIOA. An information sheet on WIOA was provided to each committee member. WIOA replaces the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and amends the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; it is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, and support services to succeed in the modern labor market. The act will also encourage workforce development programs to help match employers with skilled workers needed to compete in the global economy. This act will enable more of our consumers to be prepared for and become gainfully employed.
2. Senate Bill 3 (Beall) Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018: Another of the committee's priorities for this fiscal year is to respond to the need for affordable and accessible housing for our consumers. Copies of SB 3 were provided to the committee. This bill would enact the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018 which, if adopted, would authorize bonds in the amount of \$3 billion. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds would be used to finance various existing housing programs as well as infill infrastructure financing and affordable housing matching grant programs.
3. National Core Indicators (NCI) Survey Results: Another one of the committee's priorities for this fiscal year is to become educated on the basics of the NCI project. Diane presented copies of a PowerPoint presentation which outlined the basics of the NCI program. NCI is used in California as a systematic and standard way of learning about services and supports through collecting statistical data from consumers and families. The data is collected through surveys and through face-to-face meetings. The data can then be used to compare our center's performance with other regional centers and to compare California's performance with other states.

D. Concept Plan for Community Integrated Employment (CIE) Blueprint

Yolanda presented copies of a 2-page handout which contained the center's concept plan for California's CIE. The plan included a summary, the goal, and implementation steps that will be taken. It also included information about the Paid Internship Program (PIP), which is being implemented to increase the

vocational skills and abilities of adult consumers who chose to participate in an internship for future paid employment or for the internship itself to lead to full or part-time employment in the same position. The regional centers will be working with the Department of Rehabilitation and the Department of Education to get these programs going. NLACRC will be forming a local steering committee to help us move forward.

E. Quarterly Report on NLACRC Program Closures

Copies of the quarterly program closure report were provided to the committee and reviewed. Following is a summary of the program closures by fiscal year:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Program Closures</b>	<b>Consumers Impacted</b>
2016-17 (so far)	11	151
2015-16	101	352
2014-15	28	90
2013-14	15	112
2012-13	12	95
2011-12	23	1,118
2010-11	4	47
2009-10	7	133
2008-09	9	138
<b>Total:</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>2,236</b>

F. Update on the Self-Determination Program

DDS has not yet re-submitted the federal waiver application to the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). DDS must first post the waiver application for 30 days before submitting it to CMS; then CMS has 90 days to review and approve the waiver. In the meantime, our Self-Determination Volunteer Advisory Committee continues to meet, but now only every other month until some movement is made with the self-determination program. Agendas and minutes from the meetings are posted on the center’s website. Also, Evelyn Chamorro, our self-determination specialist, continues to provide community outreach and fliers about the self-determination program are sent to consumers and families with all of their Individual Program Plans in English and in Spanish.

## V. Board Meeting Agenda Items

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

- A. Minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting
- B. DDS Approval of 2017 Performance Contract
- C. Quarterly Report on Program Closures

## VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input

A. George Stevens made the following announcements:

- 1. The center's cultural diversity meetings will be held in March at the center's San Fernando Valley and Antelope Valley offices.
- 2. The center is looking to hire a diversity and inclusion manager.
- 3. Assembly Member Holden has just introduced AB 279 which would give DDS the authority to increase provider rates to help them keep pace with local minimum wage increases. We want to get a grass roots effort going to support this bill.

A. Next Meeting: Monday, May 1, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

## VII. Adjournment

William adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

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