

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
April 4, 2017

**Present:** Pam Aiona, Melissa Ferman, Lesly Forbes, William Rayber, and Adam Stokes – Committee Members

Nina Daly, Duane Joslin, and Rosa Zevallos – Guests

Erica Beall, Jennifer Kaiser and Jose Rodriguez – Staff Members

**Absent:** Jacob Freeman and Ben Segel-Evans

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**1. Call to Order & Introductions**

Pam Aiona, CAC chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. After introductions were made, everyone sang “Happy Birthday” to Adam and celebrated with ice cream and cookies.

**2. Public Input** (3 minutes) – There was no public input.

**3. Consent Items**

A. Approval of Agenda

**M/S/C** (M. Ferman/W. Rayber) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of March 7 Meeting

**M/S/C** (W. Rayber/A. Stokes) To approve the minutes as presented.

**4. Committee Business**

A. Housing Presentation (Erica Beall)

Erica Beall, from the center’s Community Services Department, gave the committee a PowerPoint presentation on the housing issues being faced by the regional centers. The cost of housing is very high in our area and it keeps going up! The rates we pay to our service providers are not high enough to pay all of their bills. Erica showed the costs for a 4-bed home for consumers against what the owner is paid, which is about \$850 short each month. The CAC thanked Erica for sharing this important information with them.

B. Candidates' Statements for FY 2017-18 CAC Chair / Election

Lesly was the only CAC member interested in serving as CAC chair next fiscal year. Lesly talked to the committee about why she wanted to be their chair.

**M/S/C** (M. Ferman/W. Rayber) To elect Lesly Forbes to serve as the CAC chair for next fiscal year.

Adam was the only CAC member interested in serving as the CAC's vice-chair for next fiscal year.

**Action:** The committee agreed that Adam will serve as the CAC vice-chair next fiscal year.

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

No reports were given this month.

D. Self-Advocacy Board of L.A. County Report (Lesly/Jose)

The Self-Advocacy Board asked 1 of its members to begin attending the LA Metro meetings and asked another of its members to begin attending Access Services meetings so they can gain information from those committees and report back to the self-advocacy board.

E. Report on L.A. Care Meeting (Mary Jo)

**Action:** Jose will e-mail Mariah Walton at LA care about future trainings.

F. Training/Presentation Calendar for FY 2016-17

Jose informed the CAC that the Red Cross would only give a presentation on safety to a group of 20 or more, so he was unable to schedule a presentation for the CAC. Jose met Robbie spears at the Abilities Expo who agreed to give the CAC a presentation of emergency preparedness at the June CAC meeting. A presentation by the Department of Rehabilitation is pending for the September 2017 CAC meeting.

**Action:** Jose will contact Jessica Gould who is a member of the Department of Developmental Services' CAC, to give a presentation on her CAC at the committee's October 2017 meeting.

G. Event Calendar

There were 4 events listed on the committee's event calendar and all of them are free:

1. Tonight at 6:30 p.m.: A presentation on the Workforce Innovation 7 Opportunity Act (WIOA) at Sam's Café at New Horizons.
2. Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m.: Career Fair and Health Expo at LA Valley College.
3. Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.: Abilities Night at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach.
4. Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m.: Job fair at the North Valley Occupational Center.

H. Review Agenda for Board of Trustees Meeting (Jennifer)

Copies of the April 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting agenda were provided to the committee and Jennifer reviewed it with them. Board meetings are open to the public and Jennifer encouraged any CAC members interested to come to a board meeting.

**5. Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting**

The following items were identified for the CAC's section of the April 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes from the April 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting
- B. Election of FY 2017-18 CAC Chair: Lesly Forbes

**6. Announcements / Information / Public Input**

A. CAC Attendance Sheet

Copies of the updated attendance sheet are 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 Meeting: Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.

## 7. **Adjournment**

Pam adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

Submitted by,

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