

North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLACRC)
Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2013

Present: Richard Dier, Craig Girard, Dawn Hamilton, Duane Joslin, Martha Lopez, and Jeremy Sunderland – Committee Members
Lawrence Burton – Vendor Advisory Committee Representative
Jennifer Pecor - The Adult Skills Center
Diane Ambrose, Joan Daniels, Michele Marra, Liliana Windover and George Stevens – Staff Members

Absent: All present

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Duane Joslin, committee member, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on behalf of Jeremy Sunderland. He asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

II. Public Input

A. Fair Wages for Home Care Aides

It was decided that this agenda item will be discussed at the Government & Community Relations Committee at 7:00 p.m.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (C. Girard/M. Lopez) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of February 20th Meeting

M/S/C (C. Girard/M. Lopez) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Participation in 3rd Annual Stephanie's Day Event

Action: Michele Marra and Sara Iwahashi will gather information about this event and they will present it at the May 22nd Government & Community Relations Committee meeting.

B. 3rd Quarter Exceptions/Exemptions Report

The exceptions report lists requests from consumers and families for services that are outside of the center's service standards and whether those services were approved or denied. During the 3rd quarter of this fiscal year, the center approved 239 requests and denied only 6. Joan Daniels indicated that under exceptions, two new categories were added, Co-Pay Behavioral Health Treatment and Full Funding Behavioral Health Treatment.

The exemptions report lists requests made for services that have been suspended or reduced as a result of the trailer bill language. The report showed that during the 3rd quarter of this fiscal year, no exemptions were requested or subsequently granted.

C. 3rd Quarter Consumer Diagnosis Report

Copies of the report were provided to the committee for their review. The report showed diagnostic information about the center's consumers each quarter since the beginning of FY 2010-11. Of the 19,025 consumers that the center serves, the diagnosis breakdown is as follows:

1. Intellectual Disability: 8,177 (8.15% increase since July 1, 2010)
2. Autism: 6,311 (**24.06% increase**)
3. Cerebral Palsy: 531 (4.73% increase)
4. Epilepsy: 222 (2.78% increase)
5. Other developmental disability: 933 (12.27% increase)
6. Early Start: 2,731 (12.47% increase)

George stated that compared with the POS Data by Ethnicity, Language, Diagnosis report, the numbers do not add up, but the Center makes sure that that consumers who have more than 1 disability are put into the category of their primary diagnosis. He also indicated that as we look into the future and looking at this data, it is going to be a challenge to come up with viable services for these individuals as they grow out of school age services; factors like the median rates, the lack of start-up funds, trailer bill, are really making difficult to come up with individualize services. In addition, new fire marshal interpretations of existing regulations will make it almost impossible to expand adult creativity centers.

D. 3rd Quarter Appeals/Hearings Report - *Deferred*

E. Monthly Community Placement Plan (CPP) Report

Copies of the written CPP report for March 2013 were provided to the committee and Diane reviewed it with them. The center's goal for this fiscal year is to place 14 consumers out of Lanterman Developmental Center (LDC), Fairview Developmental Center. The FY 2012-13 plan was approved and returned to NLACRC by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) on November 15, 2012.

For FY 2012-13, NLACRC did not submit any specific requests for start-up in the NLACRC catchment area. NLACRC is however, partnering with IHP, Westside Regional Center and Tri-Counties Regional Center (TCRC) to develop 3 homes in the TCRC area for individuals currently residing at PDC, FDC and IMD. This was approved by DDS.

As per new AB 1472, effective July 1, 2013, NLACRC is to move out all consumers currently residing in IMDs by June 30, 2012. IMDs are locked psychiatric facilities, usually housing 15 or more individuals. NLACRC currently has 1 individuals residing in IMDs. NLACRC will be expected to report to DDS on efforts to move consumers out of IMDs as part of the 12-13 CPP plan.

As of March 31, 2013, 36 NLACRC consumers remain at LDC, 10 consumers have been transferred to other regional centers as of March 31, 2013 prior to placement. One consumer was transferred in from San Diego Regional Center effective August 1, 2012. One consumer passed away in November 2012.

F. Questions re: Monthly Quality Assurance and Special Incident Reports

As reported at last week's board meeting, George informed members of this committee regarding the actions NLACRC are taken in reference to the incident with Jay Nolan Community Services (JNCS). Our insurance company has advised us not to interview the consumer involved with this incident since JNCS is already doing it. George confirmed that the individual involved with this incident is not our consumer, but JNCS is our provider because we are the vendoring agency, and due to these circumstances, we have to provide a report regarding this situation and legally, the only obligation we have at this point is to notify our insurance company when we suspect there may be a potential lost.

A group discussion will be formed with some of our providers, NLACRC staff and family members to look at where we need to go with this and how we build community confidence. It was also suggested to invite some of our consumers to this meeting. George will get some input from the Consumers Advisory Committee.

V. Board Meeting Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of April 17th Meeting
- B. 3rd Quarter Exceptions/Exemptions Report
- C. 3rd Quarter Consumer Diagnosis Report

VI. Announcements / Information Items / Public Input

A. Duane invited members of this committee to attend an all you can eat pancake breakfast to be held this coming Sunday, April 21st, at the Masonic Temple on Sherman Way. The cost is only \$5.00 and it proceeds will benefit the Masonic youth groups.

B. Complete Meeting Evaluations

Duane asked the committee members to please complete evaluation forms after the meeting and submit them to him with any comments.

C. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Duane adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Submitted by:

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