

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2012

Present: Maria Garcia, Sara Iwahashi, Roy Jensen, Cynthia Kawa, Michele Marra, Katie Mead, Steve Miller, William Rayber, Meredith Rimmer, Ingrid Rushing, and George Stevens – Committee Members
Ken Lane – Vendor Advisory Committee Member
Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Member

Absent: Diane Ambrose, Cathy Blin, Yolanda Bosch, Charles Devlin, and Kim Rolfes

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Meredith Rimmer at 6:35 p.m. Introductions were made.

II. Public Input – There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Several items were added to the agenda.

M/S/C (K. Mead/W. Rayber) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of May 7th Meeting

The action on page 5 should read, “Ingrid and Steve will gather some information on abuse prevention and share it with the Strategic Planning Committee.”

M/S/C (W. Rayber/M. Garcia) To approve the minutes as modified.

IV. Committee Business

A. Elect a Committee Chair

Action: The committee elected Meredith Rimmer to serve as the Strategic Planning Committee chair for this fiscal year.

B. Annual Committee Orientation (Review Policies & Procedures)

Copies of the policies and procedures were provided to the committee. The primary purpose of this committee is to identify gaps in the service delivery system and recommend alternatives to close those gaps. Committee members should become familiar with the policies and procedures as they outline the duties of the committee and the responsibilities of the committee members.

C. Update on the State Budget

1. Service Provider Payment Reductions: The 4.25% reduction to service provider payments did not sunset, but it was decreased to 1.25%. The new reduction will go into effect starting with the payment of July claims which will be paid in August and it is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2014.
2. Insurance Coverage for Behavioral Services: NLACRC funds 20% of the behavioral services purchase of service expenditures in the state! Staff are very busy working with insurance companies and families to make sure there is a smooth transition and that services are not interrupted.
3. Supported Living Services (SLS) Questionnaire: The new questionnaire is going to take the place of the individual assessments that were implemented last year. Unfortunately, the questionnaire is very long, and must be completed with consumers (at least quarterly!), which is a huge workload issue.
4. Financial Management Services (FMS): Staff are working with families to transition them to the FMS.
5. Moratorium on developmental center (DC) placements: Although trailer bill language includes a moratorium on DC placements, this will be problematic for regional centers as they have not been given enough resources to develop adequate living options in the community. They will allow a temporary 90-day stay at Fairview.
6. Perceived inequity of regional center services: The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) will now be required to collect information from the regional centers about how services are provided broken down by age, ethnicity, and disability, and publish the information once a year. Discussion ensued about how difficult it is to compare “apples with oranges” by putting consumers into categories. So many other influences shape the services that consumers receive, like cultures that focus on generations of

families living together, parents' marital status and type of employment, natural supports, logistical problems, etc.

7. \$50 Million Trigger: We are still concerned that if the tax propositions in the November elections fail, the regional centers may face a \$50 million budget reduction.

D. Update on Performance Contracts

Sara provided some history about how the regional centers performance contracts with DDS came to be and how they have changed through the years. The current contract focuses on how each regional center is doing in the following categories:

- Percent of total population with active status in developmental centers.
 - Children residing with families.
 - Adults residing in home settings.
 - Adults residing in adult foster home agencies.
 - Adults residing in an independent living setting.
 - Adults residing in the home of a parent or guardian.
 - Adults residing in a supported living setting.
 - Children residing in facilities with 7 or more beds.
 - Adults residing in facilities with 7 or more beds.
 - Duration in intake for individuals 3 years and older.
1. Draft Public Meeting Flyer/Comment Form: Sara presented the draft flyer and comment form. Roy suggested that the top of the flyer state "Tell us how we are doing" rather than "See how we are doing." The public meetings will be held at the center's Antelope Valley office on Wednesday, August 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. and at the center's San Fernando Valley office on Wednesday, August 29th, at 3:00 and 6:30 p.m. We never receive much of a turnout at these meetings, although people can mail, fax, or e-mail their input using the comment form on the backside of the flyer.
 2. DDS Guidelines for 2013 Performance Contract: Copies of DDS's guidelines were provided to the committee for their review and information.
 3. Regional Center Performance Contract Data (January-June 2012): This information is published by DDS twice a year. NLACRC has been doing very well by exceeding the statewide average each time.

4. Draft 2013 Performance Contract: Copies of the draft contract were provided to the committee. The contract includes all of the 10 performance measures (listed above) and the activities the center will employ to achieve the outcomes. The draft contract will be presented to the Board of Trustees in September for their review and again in October for their approval. Once approved the contract must be submitted to DDS for their review and approval.

E. Update on Candidates Forum and Voter Education/Registration Day

The event will be held Tuesday, October 16th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Sam's Café at New Horizons in North Hills. A "save the date" flyer will be mailed to the candidates. There are 7 senate and assembly districts with openings in the center's catchment area. Copies of the flyer, the draft invitation letter to the candidates, and information about the district openings and the candidates for each were provided to the committee.

F. Review Committee Action Log from FY 2011-12 – *Deferred*

G. FY 2012-13 Committee Meeting Schedule

The committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates this fiscal year:

1. Monday, August 6th (orientation meeting)
2. Monday, November 5, 2012
3. Monday, February 4, 2013
4. Monday, May 6, 2013

H. Update on "The Way Forward" Movement for Regional Centers

Each of the participating centers (16 in all) were asked to send out at least 100 surveys to board members, vendors, advocates, etc. in their area, which resulted in a 30% response rate! In general, people seem to like the regional center system the way it is. The next step is to hold focus groups with consumers to get their input and then we will contact people throughout the nation who are leaders in the developmental disabilities field and get their input on where the system should be going, what's new in the field, etc.

I. National Core Indicators (NCI) Adult Consumer Survey Report

The center recently received the draft results of this report for FY 2010-11. This report is hundreds of pages long. Michele provided the committee with a one-page informational sheet about the National Core Indicators Project. We contacted the Regional Center of Orange County because that center uses information from the National Core Indicators Project and asked them what they do with the information and found out that they take just one specific area from the survey and focus on ways to improve the numbers in that area. George would like this committee to do the same. Once the report is finalized, it will be posted on DDS's website and will also be posted on the center's website.

Action: The committee members will take some time to look over the survey results and come to the next Strategic Planning meeting with recommendations on what area they think the Strategic Planning Committee could focus on.

J. AB 2338 (Chesbro) Employment First

The board's Government & Community Relations Committee will be recommending that the board take a support position on this bill. It was heard today in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

V. Identify any Specific Items for Board Discussion (at the next board meeting)

- A. Minutes of August 6th Meeting
- B. Presentation of Draft 2013 Performance Contract

VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. Next Meeting: Monday, November 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Meredith adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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