

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2012

Present: Diane Ambrose, Cathy Blin, Maria Garcia, Sara Iwahashi, Roy Jensen, Michele Marra, William Rayber, Meredith Rimmer, Kim Rolfes, Ingrid Rushing, Cynthia Sewell, and George Stevens – Committee Members
Ken Lane - Guest
Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Member

Absent: Yolanda Bosch, Charles Devlin, Katie Mead, and Steve Miller

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Meredith Rimmer, chair, at 6:32 p.m. Introductions were made.

II. Public Input – There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (W. Rayber/G. Stevens) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of August 6th Meeting

M/S/C (C. Sewell/W. Rayber) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. FY 2011-12 Action Log

All of the actions taken by the board and its committees are recorded. Logs of these actions are provided on an annual basis to each committee for their information and to show them what the previous committee's work product was. The log also provides committee members with the opportunity to make sure all of the actions they wanted taken were accomplished. Copies of the Strategic Planning Committee's Action Log were provided to the committee.

B. Update on Performance Contract

Sara reported that the center's performance contract with the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDS) was approved by the Board of Trustees and submitted to DDS last month. There were no major changes between the 2012 and the 2013 contracts. The 2013 contract was sent with the notes and the sign-in sheets from the performance contract public hearings. Once DDS approves the performance contract it will be posted on the center's website.

C. Report on October 16th Candidates Forum

The center's Candidates' Forum and Voter Registration/Education Day was held on Tuesday, October 16th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at Sam's Café at New Horizons. All of the state legislature candidates who are running for office in the center's catchment area were sent questions to answer in advance along with informational materials so they have a basic understanding of the regional center. Flyers were sent out to the community to promote the event and a press release was issued. The event was well-attended (even though it was held at the same time as the second presidential debate) with about 70 guests, including many of the center's board members and service providers. Eight candidates, who are running for local senate and assembly seats, participated in the forum. Yolanda Bosch, board president, served very well as the forum's moderator. We also had a booth with registration materials so people could register to vote. The planning committee did a great job organizing the event. Information about the event has been posted on the center's website and thank you letters will be sent to each of the candidates who participated.

D. Input on the National Core Indicators Adult Consumer Survey Report

At the last Strategic Planning Committee meeting, the committee discussed the draft results of this report for FY 2010-11. The report is 882 pages long! Michele had provided the committee with a one-page informational sheet about the National Core Indicators Project. The Regional Center of Orange County takes just one specific area from the survey and focuses on ways to improve the numbers in that area. George thought this committee might want to do the same. Committee members were to take some time to look over the survey results and come to this Strategic Planning meeting with recommendations on what areas they think the committee could focus on. The following recommendations on areas to focus on were made:

1. Employment
2. Personal choice
3. Inclusion
4. Self-determination

There was discussion on how to actually put the data into context. Can we use this data in our planning process? It was determined that unless the committee has a plan on how the data can benefit us, that we should not move ahead with this.

Action: George will contact Larry Landauer, director of the Regional Center of Orange County, and ask him how his center uses the survey data.

Action: George will find out if an executive summary of the survey results is available.

Discussion turned to the status of service providers and the number of programs who are in trouble financially. How much longer can providers continue providing services when rates are frozen and costs continue to increase?

Action: George will ask the Vendor Advisory Committee how we can evaluate the number of consumers in a work program and find them viable employment.

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

- A. Minutes of November 5th Meeting

VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. Per the request of the board's Government & Community Relations Committee, the Executive Committee agreed to take a formal support position on Proposition 30 and to issue a press release. If Proposition 30 does not pass, it will mean a \$50 million reduction to the regional centers' budget this fiscal year and \$100 million reduction next fiscal year. The Association of Regional Center Agencies has also taken a support position on Proposition 30.
- B. Next Meeting: Monday, February 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Meredith adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Submitted by,

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