

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2013

Present: Ed Catino, Mary Jo Fernando, Juan Hernandez, William Rayber, and Curtis Wang
– Committee Members
Lesly Forbes, Precious Malumfashi, and Gerald Robles – Guests
Eugene Baily, Jennifer Kaiser, and Jose Rodriguez – Staff Members

Absent: Beth Brodie and Monroe Jones

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Happy Birthday to William Rayber!

Mary Jo Fernando, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Everyone present was introduced. Everyone sang to William and celebrated his upcoming birthday with ice cream and cake.

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

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the minutes was deferred because they were handed out at the meeting and the committee needs to have a chance to review them.

M/S/C (W. Rayber/E. Catino) To approve the agenda as revised.

B. Approval of Minutes of April 2, 2013 Meeting – *Deferred*

4. Presentation: Independent Living Skills (William Rayber)

William has been living on his own, in his own condominium, for the last 13 years, with the assistance of staff from Easter Seals. He talked about what his life was like in a group home before moving out on his own. He liked living with friends at the group home, but felt the need to be more independent. When he bought his condo, he had work done on it to make it accessible for him and his wheelchair. Easter Seals staff enable him to live on his own and take care of shopping, cooking, cleaning, paying bills, etc. William loves living on his own in his own condo!

5. CAC Election for FY 2013-14

A. Statements from each Candidate (Ed Catino and Mary Jo Fernando)

Ed and Mary Jo each had a moment to speak on why they would like to serve as the committee chair next fiscal year.

B. Election

Eugene distributed ballots to the members and the election was held.

Action: The ballots showed that Mary Jo was elected to serve as chair and Ed was elected to serve as vice-chair of the CAC next fiscal year.

6. Old Business

A. Updated Event Calendar

Copies of the updated calendar were provided to everyone present. Jose reported that he attended the Diabetes Expo and gave a report on it. Ed presented information about New Horizons fundraising even on Saturday, June 1st, at Woodley Park.

Action: Eugene will add New Horizon's June 1st event to the calendar.

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

1. Eugene announced that Liz Lyons was recently accepted to participate on Access's Community Advisory Committee. She will be attending her first meeting of that committee next week and will give a report on it at next month's CAC meeting.

2. Curtis shared brochures that he picked up on the bus regarding:

- A special Metro bus that goes from Union Station to Dodger Stadium. It leaves 45 minutes prior to the opening of each game.
- Protecting your phone while riding.
- Keeping tabs on your TAP card.
- TAP information for senior riders.
- Service changes during the Los Angeles marathon.

7. New Business

A. Report on April 12th ARCA CAC Meeting (William Rayber)

William provided everyone with a written summary of the meeting. Highlights included:

1. An in-depth discussion about transportation rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). During the discussion, William shared Mary Jo's recent issues with the fly-away bus to and from LAX airport (no accessible buses available).
2. A presentation by CAC member Desiree Boykin (from South Central Regional Center) on her center's new Facebook page for consumers.
3. Jesse Padilla (from Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center) gave a report on the recent Statewide Self-Advocacy Network meeting.
4. The ARCA CAC elected a new chair: Rene Rodriguez from San Diego Regional Center. He has lots of good plans for the committee.

B. Review Agenda for May 8, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting

Copies of the agenda for the next board meeting were provided to everyone present and Jennifer reviewed it with them. Board meetings are open to the public and consumers are more than welcome to attend if they would like to.

C. Updated Presentation Schedule

Eugene provided everyone with copies of the updated presentation schedule. Metro will be giving a presentation next month. What would the committee like them to talk about? The committee gave the following ideas:

1. Plans for riders who use wheelchairs.
2. Future expansion plans.
3. Changes to make it easier to apply for a TAP card.
4. Fold-up seats to make room for more riders with wheelchairs.
5. Separate bicycle places so they aren't next to people with wheelchairs.

8. Announcements / Information / Public Input

A. Annual Board Dinner

CAC Members will be invited to attend the annual Board Dinner on Saturday, June 8th. Transportation there and back will be provided. Invitations will be going out later this week!

B. NLACRC Self-Advocacy Group Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21st, from 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at St. Michael's Conference Center, 16643 Vanowen Street in Van Nuys. Information about that meeting was provided to everyone present.

C. Next CAC Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

D. Resignation of Monroe Jones

This is Monroe's 5 meeting absence, which means he must resign from the committee.

E. Open Positions on the CAC

As only 1 CAC applicant attended the group orientation for applicants, the Nominating Committee decided to delay filling the open positions on the CAC until the end of the summer.

9. Identify Board Meeting Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of May 7, 2013 Meeting
- B. CAC Chair for FY 2013-14
- C. CAC Event Calendar

10. Adjournment

Mary Jo adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

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