

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2012

Present: Beth Brodie, Ed Catino, Mary Jo Fernando, Juan Hernandez, Monroe Jones, William Rayber, Cherie Roberson, and Curtis Wang – Committee Members
Chanel Gates and Alfred Roberson– Guests
Eugene Baily, Jennifer Kaiser, Sandra Rizo, and Jose Rodriguez – Staff Members

Absent: All present

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Mary Jo Fernando, chairperson, at 2:04 p.m. Everyone present introduced themselves.

2. Public Input (3 minutes)

George Stevens, the regional center’s executive director, is in the hospital because he had to have surgery. Eugene passed around a get-well card for everyone to sign.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (B. Brodie/W. Rayber) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of August 7, 2012 Meeting

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

4. Focus Group: CAC’s Input on the Regional Center System

Jennifer explained that the southern California regional centers have started a movement which they call “The Way Forward” for regional centers. They want to get input from service providers, staff members, consumers, families, and others to find out what they like about the regional center, what they don’t like, and what they would like to see changed. They sent out hundreds of surveys that were to be completed on-line with a computer. They received a very good response to the survey but not much input from consumers – and they really want input from consumers. So, each of the regional centers that are involved in the movement are sending a team of people out to conduct focus groups with consumers to find out how they feel about the regional center.

Jennifer asked 8 different questions, each focusing on a different area. Sandra took down their responses which will later be typed up and submitted to The Way Forward group. Jennifer thanked everyone for their participation!

5. Old Business

A. Updated Event Calendar

Eugene provided the committee members with copies of their updated event calendar.

1. Report on Concert at Warner Park in Woodland Hills (William): William didn't go to any of the concerts, but Mary Jo reported that she went to many of the events which were held on Saturday nights, which included concerts and outdoor movies! All for free!
2. "Outlook" Magazine: Cherie brought in a local magazine from the Antelope Valley called "Outlook" which had lots of information about events and fun things to do in that area.

Action: Eugene will review the Outlook magazine and look for events to add to the CAC's event calendar.

Action: Eugene will add the center's upcoming candidates forum to the event calendar.

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

No one had any reports to give.

Action: CAC members will look through newspapers and other places to find information on employment, transportation, legislation, or housing that pertains to consumers and bring this information with them to each CAC meeting.

6. New Business

- A. SSI/SSP Restoration Checks for FY 2012 -13
- B. SSI/SSP Restoration Payments for FY 2012-13

NLACRC sent out notices on August 10th regarding consumers' restoration checks and payments. Copies of the notices were copied for the committee. Consumers who have questions regarding restoration checks or payments should contact their service coordinator.

B. CAC's Goals for FY 2012-13 (Approved by the Board of Trustees)

Copies of the CAC's proposed goals were presented to the Board of Trustees last month and were approved. Copies of the approved goals were provided to the CAC members.

D. Review Agenda for September 12th Board of Trustees Meeting

Copies of the agenda for next week's board meeting were provided to the CAC and Jennifer briefly reviewed it with them.

E. California Employment Consortium for Youth (CECY)

Eugene provided the committee with information from the CECY. The Tarjan Center is looking for consumers, between the ages of 16 and 30 years old, to serve on an advisory group. The advisory group will work to increase the number of young adult consumers who get good jobs and earn money working in the career of their choice. For more information or to apply for a position, contact Steven Kapp at kapp@ucla.edu. The deadline for submitting an application has been extended from August 15th to September 14th.

F. Training/Presentation Calendar for FY 2012-13

The committee members need to identify what types of presentations they would like the committee to have this fiscal year.

Action: The committee would like to have presentations on the rights of people with developmental disabilities and on Access Transportation. Eugene will add these presentations to the CAC's calendar.

Action: CAC members should continue to think about what types of trainings and/or presentations they would like to have this fiscal year and share their ideas at the monthly CAC meetings.

G. Review CAC Action Log FY 2011-12

All of the actions taken by this committee are entered into a log. After the new fiscal year starts, each board committee is given a copy of their action log for their review to make sure that all of the actions they wanted taken were taken. Eugene provided copies of the CAC's action log to the committee members for their review.

Action: It was later found that the CAC Action Log was incomplete. Eugene will provide the committee with a revised action log with next month's meeting packets.

7. **Announcements / Information / Public Input**

A. **Visitation:** Jose stated that he would like to visit the Creative Minds program. William expressed his interest in going with him.

Action: Eugene will get more information about the Creative Minds program and he and Jennifer will work to set up a visitation for Jose and William.

B. **Disneyland Discount Tickets:** Jose provided information about the tickets and how to get them. The discount tickets cost \$46 per day (for 1 park) or \$66 per day (for both parks).

C. **Next CAC Meeting:** Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.

8. **Identify Board Meeting Agenda Items**

- A. Minutes of September 4, 2012 Meeting
- B. The CAC's Event Calendar

9. **Adjournment**

Mary Jo adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

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