

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2013

Present: Daniel Becerra, Jessica Gould, Duane Joslin, Debra Newman, Jeremy Sunderland, and Tavia Wooley – Committee Members
Eric Leh – Board President
Dr. Scott Cross, Dr. Debra Cutter, and Dr. Ali Sadeghi
Lawrence Burton – Vendor Advisory Committee Representative
Erica Beall, Maria Bosch, Joan Daniels, John Doebler, Susana Gil, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, and George Stevens – Staff Members

Absent: All present

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Duane Joslin called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and introductions were made.

II. Public Input – There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (D. Becerra/J. Gould) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of July 17th Meeting

Under section IV.B., a correction was made to reflect that the motion's second was made by D. Newman, not D. Wooley.

M/S/C (D. Becerra/J. Gould) To approve the minutes as modified.

IV. Committee Business

A. Presentation: Behavioral Services Proposal to DDS

George explained that NLACRC staff members have been meeting with behavioral service providers to develop a “637” (based on AB 637) proposal for a new way to provide behavioral services. 637 proposals provide regional centers with the opportunity to provide services in innovative ways and include the ability to waive regulations, but they must be cost-effective, go through a specific

process, and require approval from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) before they can be implemented. This new proposal is on how the regional center can provide behavioral services that support consumers throughout their lifetime. The center will not pursue this proposal without first getting board approval. Dr. Cross then gave the committee a PowerPoint presentation on the new proposal. He explained that applied behavioral analysis (ABA) has become standard for the treatment of autism and related disorders. The problem is that DDS's interpretation of current service codes does not accurately reflect the usual and customary model of ABA service delivery. The proposed solution is a new ABA treatment model that has been effective and efficient, has had high consumer and parent satisfaction, is supported by research, and is recommended by national ABA. Information about the treatment model was included in the presentation. After the presentation, the doctors answered questions that the committee had.

M/S/C (D. Joslin/J. Sunderland) To present the proposal on new ABA treatment model to the Board of Trustees and recommend its approval.

B. Annual Committee Orientation (Part 2)

1. Core Values for Policy Development

This document contains 9 values that the committee should use to guide their policy decisions and will help to keep their decisions consistent. All committee members should become familiar with this document.

C. Approved Priority Issues for FY 2013-14

The board approved the committee proposed priority issues for this fiscal year. Copies of the approved priority issues list were provided for the committee's information.

D. Review Committee's FY 2012-13 Action Log

All of the actions taken by the board and its committees are entered into a log. After the new fiscal year starts, each board committee is given a copy of their action log so they can see what actions the previous committee took during the year. Copies of the committee's action log were provided.

E. 4th Quarter Appeals and Hearings Report

Copies of the report were provided to the committee. During the 4th quarter of FY 2012-13:

1. Eligibility: 398 Notices of Action were sent and 14 were returned (appealed).
2. Service: 244 Notices of Action were sent and 7 were returned.
3. Hearings: 7 fair hearings were held:
 - 6 eligibility hearings (1 dismissed, 4 denied, and 1 decision pending)
 - 1 service hearing (and the family withdrew during the hearing)

F. Presentation of Proposed Changes to IPP Development Service Standard

Changes need to be made to the center's Individual Program Plan (IPP) service standard to reflect new trailer bill language regarding the center's payment of copayments and coinsurance. The proposed language changes were presented to the committee for their review. The language was taken straight from the law.

M/S/C (T. Wooley/D. Newman) To present the proposed changes to the center's IPP service standard to the Board of Trustees for their review and approval.

G. Review Letter to Consumers and Families re: Copayments & Coinsurance

Copies of the draft letter that the center plans to send to consumers and families regarding payment of copayments and coinsurance were provided to the committee and reviewed. The committee did not recommend any changes to the letter. George will sign the letter and it will be sent out shortly.

H. Monthly Community Placement Plan (CPP) Report

Copies of the written CPP report for July 2013 were provided to the committee and Maria reviewed it with them. The center's goal for this fiscal year is to place 21 consumers out of Lanterman Developmental Center (LDC) and other large facilities and into the community. As of today, the center has successfully placed 9 consumers.

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

These reports are provided at each board meeting as part of George's director's report. They are an agenda item at this meeting in case anyone had any questions regarding either report. No questions were raised.

J. Board Audit: Committee is given a review of current service trends

V. Board Meeting Agenda Items

The following items were identified for the next board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of August 21st Meeting
- B. 4th Quarter Appeals and Hearings Report
- C. Presentation of Proposed Changes to IPP Development Service Standard
- * D. Approval of Behavioral Services Proposal to DDS

VI. Announcements / Information Items / Public Input

A. Complete Meeting Evaluations

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

B. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 18th, at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Duane adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

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