

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2013

Present: Daniel Becerra, Jessica Gould, Duane Joslin, Debra Newman, Jeremy Sunderland, and Tavia Wooley – Committee Members
Dawn Hamilton and Eric Leh – Board Members
Connie Lapin and Jennifer Pecor – Guests
Michelle Heid and Rebecca Lienhard– Vendor Advisory Committee Representatives
Diane Ambrose, Maria Bosch, Susana Gil, Jennifer Kaiser, and Michele Marra– Staff Members

Absent: All present

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Jeremy Sunderland, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. Introductions were made.

II. Public Input

Connie made the following announcements:

- A. Roundtable on Abuse Meeting: Connie attended this meeting last week and thought the presentation was one of the best she ever heard. She provided Jennifer with a copy of “A Report on the 2012 National Survey on Abuse of People with Disabilities” so Jennifer could e-mail it to the committee.
- B. Developmental Center Task Force: Connie is a member of this task force which has been meeting to discuss the future of the state’s developmental centers. They have had 3 meetings so far and are beginning to get some consensus! Their 4th meeting will be held next week and the final meeting will be held next month.
- C. SB 468 (Self-Determination Program): Connie shared her excitement at this bill’s passing and wants to keep the momentum and enthusiasm up until its implementation process begins in January.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

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

B. Approval of Minutes of September 18th Meeting

M/S/C (D. Joslin/T. Wooley) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. 1st Quarter Exceptions/Exemptions Report

The exceptions report lists requests from consumers and families for services that are outside of the center's service standards and whether those services were approved or denied. During the 1st quarter of this fiscal year, the center approved 283 requests and denied only 27 (20 of the denials were for co-payments for behavioral health treatment).

The exemptions report lists requests made for services that have been suspended or reduced as a result of the trailer bill language. The report showed that during the 1st quarter, the center had only 1 request and it was denied.

B. 1st Quarter Consumer Diagnosis Report

Copies of the report were provided to the committee for their review. The report showed diagnostic information about the center's consumers for each quarter since the beginning of FY 2011-12. Consumers with more than 1 disability are put into the category of their primary diagnosis. Of the 19,542 consumers that the center serves, the diagnosis breakdown is as follows:

1. Intellectual Disability: 8,291 (5.91% increase since July 1, 2011)
2. Autism: 6,631 (**18.84% increase**)
3. Cerebral Palsy: 526 (3.75% increase)
4. Epilepsy: 221 (0.91% increase)
5. Other developmental disability: 928 (5.45% increase)
6. Early Start: 2,945 (12.11% decrease)

C. 1st Quarter Appeals & Hearings Report – *Deferred*

D. Monthly Community Placement Plan (CPP) Report

Copies of the written CPP report for September 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 the end of September, the center had successfully placed 13 consumers. Before the closure of LDC began, 400 consumers were living there; now only 121 remain. We plan to move our remaining LDC consumers into the community by June 2014, 6 months ahead of the planned closure date.

E. 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. There were no questions regarding either report.

V. Board Meeting Agenda Items

The following items were identified for the November 13th board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of October 16th Meeting
- B. 1st Quarter Exceptions/Exemptions Report
- C. 1st Quarter Consumer Diagnosis Report
- D. 1st Quarter Appeals & Hearings Report – *Deferred*

VI. Announcements / Information Items / Public Input

A. Complete Meeting Evaluations

Jeremy asked the committee members to please complete evaluation forms after the meeting and submit them to him with any comments.

- B. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 20th, at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Submitted by:

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