

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Housing Committee Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2013

Present: Richard Dier, Eric Leh, George Stevens, and Joan Watson-Patko –
Committee Members
Linda Dier - Guest
Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Member

Absent: Jonathan Istrin, Sharoll Jackson, Elizabeth Lyons, Kim Rolfes, and Scott
Shepard

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting began at 12:15 p.m.

II. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Minutes of May 13th Meeting Minutes

The agenda and minutes could not be approved as a quorum of members was not present.

III. Public Input – There was no public input.

IV. Committee Business

A. Elect a Chairperson for FY 2013-14

A chairperson could not be elected as there was no quorum.

B. Annual Committee Orientation (Review Policies and Procedures)

Copies of the policies and procedures were included in the meeting packet. Returning committee members should review the policies and procedures to refresh their memories on the purpose of the committee. New committee members (Sharoll and Eric) should become familiar with the policies and procedures and see George with any questions.

C. Committee Action Log from FY 2012-13

All of the actions that were taken by the board and its committees are entered into a log. Copies of the logs are provided to the board and to its committees in August of each year. The committee's action log for last fiscal year was provided for the committee's review and information.

D. Committee Meeting Schedule for FY 2013-14

The committee is scheduled to meet on the following dates this fiscal year:

1. Monday, August 12, 2013 at noon
2. Monday, November 18, 2013 at noon
3. Monday, February 10, 2014 at noon
4. Monday, May 12, 2013 at noon

E. George Braddock Presentations: September 26th & 27th

George Braddock will be holding two 5-hour training for 50 people each day. The trainings will be held in the center's 1st floor conference room and will focus on how to make homes safe for people with behavior issues. Online registration will open next week.

Action: Joan will find out if it is possible for the center to provide continuing education credits to those attending the training.

Discussion was held on how the training will be advertised.

Action: Jennifer will send out information about the George Braddock trainings to all of the service providers on her e-mail list once it becomes available.

Action: Joan will make sure Richard's e-mail address is added to the center's e-mail blasts.

F. Update on Community Placement Plan (CPP) Activities

Terri Delgadillo, director of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and other DDS representatives are visiting many of the regional center directors, on an individual basis, to discuss the placement plans for the consumers they still have living at Lanterman Developmental Center. Terri and her group visited George last Friday. George felt the meeting went well. DDS was pleased with our presentation and our plans.

When the LDC closure was first announced, NLACRC had 72 consumers living there. As of last Friday, only 18 remain, and we have living arrangements prepared for all of them and their families are all onboard with the plans. We project that these remaining 18 consumers will be living in their new placements by the end of June 2014 (6 months prior to the scheduled closure). There will be several transfers made between regional centers as we want each consumer to live in the area where their family resides. In addition, we are waiting for DDS to give us approval to release several homes we have ready so we can place consumers from other large facilities into them.

Action: Richard will bring information about congregate health living facilities, as possible living options for our consumers, to the next Housing Committee meeting.

Joan provided copies of a report on the status of the center's CPP projects and reviewed it with them. Of the 14 homes, 7 have been completed, and others are on their way.

Action: Joan will make sure that the administrators of the 14 homes are made aware of the upcoming trainings that will be given by George Braddock.

G. Update on Housing Legislation

Copies of a legislative update was provided to the committee and reviewed. It contained information on various federal bills, and California assembly and senate bills. A second handout was provided with information specifically on HR 2610 which was passed by the Appropriations Committee in June and would make deep cuts to Housing of Urban Development (HUD) programs, some by nearly 50%. The senate bill, S.1243, which was also passed by the committee in June, would maintain funding for the majority of HUD programs, increase funds for several programs, and would prevent the loss of some voucher funds that would otherwise be lost due to sequestration.

H. Committee Goals/Priorities for FY 2013-14

The committee was given copies of their priorities from last fiscal year and reviewed them. The committee suggested that the 3rd priority be changed to read, "Explore ways for family members to support legislation that would promote holding their homes in trust for their consumers." The committee

also suggested that the 6th priority be changed to read, “Review Requests for Proposals (RFPs) four housing grants in our catchment area.

Action: The committee’s priorities for this fiscal year will be revisited at the next Housing Committee meeting, when more members are present to discuss them.

V. Board Meeting Agenda Items

The following item was identified for the next board meeting agenda.

A. Minutes of August 12th Meeting

VI. Announcements / Information

A. Next Quarterly Meeting: Monday, November 18th, at 12:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 1:37 p.m.

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