

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Housing Committee Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2013

- Present:** Erica Beall, Richard Dier, Jonathan Istrin, Sharoll Jackson, Eric Leh, Kim Rolfes, and Scott Shepard – Committee Members
Linda Dier - Guest
Jennifer Kaiser and Maria Bosch – Staff Members
- Absent:** Elizabeth Lyons
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I. Call to Order & Introductions

Eric Leh called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. Introductions were made.

II. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Agenda item IV.H. was moved to become IV.B. and the remaining items in that section were re-lettered accordingly.

M/S/C (S. Jackson/K. Rolfes) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of May 13th Meeting

C. Approval of Minutes of August 12th Meeting

M/S/C (S. Jackson/K. Rolfes) To approve the minutes as presented.

III. Public Input – There was no public input.

IV. Committee Business

A. Elect a Committee Chairperson for FY 2013-14

M/S/C (K. Rolfes/S. Jackson) To elect Eric Leh to serve as the Housing Committee chair for FY 2013-14.

B. Congregate Health Living Facilities (Richard)

Richard reported that he is learning more about congregate health living facilities (CHLFs) and wanted to make sure the regional center was aware of

them as a housing option. Maria provided written information about CHLFs, which are defined in the Health & Safety Code as:

“A residential home with a capacity of not more than 12 beds which provides inpatient care, including the following basic services: medical supervision, 24-hour skilled nursing and supportive care, pharmacy, dietary, social/recreational, and at least one type of the following services:

1. Services to people who are mentally alert, physically disabled, or who may be ventilator dependent.
2. Services for people who have a diagnosis of a terminal illness, life-threatening illness, or both.
3. Services for people who are catastrophically and severely disabled.

The primary need of CHLF residents is the availability of skilled nursing care on a recurring, intermittent, extended, or continuous basis. The care is generally less intense than that provided in general acute care hospitals but more intense than that provided in skilled nursing facilities.”

NLACRC has just 1 consumer living in a CHLF, which can run up to \$900 per day. But CHLFs are health facilities, not really housing options.

C. Annual Committee Orientation (Review Policies and Procedures)

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the board committees review their policies and procedures to refresh the memories of returning members and to educate incoming members. Copies of the Housing Committee’s policies and procedures were provided and reviewed. The committee had questions about the first sentence under the committee’s Purpose, which reads:

“The HC shall establish *a board housing policy* that will guide the center in maximizing affordable and permanent housing opportunities/resources for consumers, within the center’s catchment area. *The executive director shall establish a Housing Advisory Group* to assist in identifying, creating, and maximizing affordable housing options for consumers. The members of the advisory committee will be selected based upon their demonstrated ability to bring resources and expertise to the HC. The chairperson of the Housing Advisory Group shall be the executive director or designee. The group will address the goals of the HC. The executive director or designee shall report the minutes of the Housing Advisory Group to the HC.”

The HC, to date, has not developed a board housing policy and they know nothing about a Housing Advisory Group.

Action: Kim will discuss the Housing Committee's policies and procedures with George and bring an explanation or recommendations changes needed to the next Housing Committee meeting in February.

D. Report on George Braddock Presentations

At the last Housing Committee meeting, the committee made a recommendation that the Executive Committee approve funds needed to pay George Braddock to give our community a presentation on modifying homes to accommodate children and adults with behavioral issues. The Executive Committee approved their request and the presentations were held on September 26th and 27th. About 50 people, mainly service providers, attended the presentation each day. It was the same training, given twice. Richard attended and was impressed with the presentation's content, but was disappointed that more regional center staff were in attendance. Also, he felt that the print on the presentation materials was too small, so it was difficult to read.

Action: Richard will e-mail Jennifer the title of George Braddock's book so she can share it with the Housing Committee.

Action: Richard will forward the handout from George Braddock's presentation to Jennifer so she can enlarge it and share it with the Housing Committee.

E. Report on Olmstead Conference, held October 17th (Jonathan)

Jonathan provided everyone with copies of one of the handouts he received at the Olmstead and Supported Housing conference that was held last month. Using Section 811 funds, California signed an agreement with the federal government to give developers funds in the form of rent subsidies if they set aside a certain number of units in their developments for people with disabilities. Through the "Money Follows the Person" program, California is entertaining ideas to use the money to develop housing. Medi-Cal funds cannot be used for housing. However the state is looking into using the rebalancing funding that they get from the savings when they move people out of skilled nursing homes. The state can use these funds with less restriction hence they are looking into using some of the money for housing,

essentially converting Medi-Cal money into housing money. That is what makes this so unique. One of the ideas being floated for housing is the use of single room occupancy (SRO) which traditionally are not acceptable units for Section 8 type vouchers. Since the state is using the re-balancing funds, they can write their own program. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) receives funding through the “Money Follows the Person” program but is having difficulty getting it for consumers who are moving out of nursing homes.

Action: Jonathan will provide Jennifer with copies of the other 3 handouts from the Olmstead and Supporting Living conference and she will make copies of them for the Housing Committee.

F. Update on Community Placement Plan (CPP) Activities

Early next month, Requests for Proposals (RFPs) will be posted on our website for 8 projects in FY 2013-14:

1. 4 specialized residential facilities
2. 2 day programs
3. 1 supported living service
4. 1 crisis support service

An applicant’ conference will be held Monday, January 13th, at 9:00 a.m. (for the residential facilities and day program) and at 1:30 p.m. (for the supported living and crisis support services).

Also, Kim provided copies of a spreadsheet showing the status of the center’s CPP projects to date.

G. Update on Housing Legislation

Kim provided the committee with information on:

1. AB 532 (Gordon) Local Housing Trust Fund
2. A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to First 5 Los Angeles permanent housing for homeless families program.
3. A NOFA issued by the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles to make available up to \$6,650,000 for capital funding and operating subsidies for permanent rental housing units service special needs populations.

H. Revisit Committee's Proposed Priorities for FY 2013-14

Copies of the committee draft priorities for this fiscal year were provided and reviewed. No additional changes were suggested.

M/S/C (J. Istrin/K. Rolfes) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to approve the Housing Committee's proposed priorities for this fiscal year, as presented.

V. Board Meeting Agenda Items

The following items were identified for the January 8th Board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of November 18th Meeting
- B. Report on George Braddock Seminars
- * C. Approval of Committee's Priorities for FY 2013-14

VI. Announcements / Information

A. Action: Eric announced that he plans to reach out to the Board of Trustees to look for more board members to join this committee, as both he and Sharoll will be terming off the board in June, and continuity is needed.

B. Next Quarterly Meeting: Monday, February 10th, at 12:00 p.m.

Action: Kim will invite a representative from West Bay Housing to give a presentation at the February committee meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Eric adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

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