

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Government & Community Relations Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
March 19, 2014

**Present:** Jessica Gould, Duane Joslin, Debra Newman, and Jeremy Sunderland - Committee Members  
Bob Erio, Ty Heid, and Ken Lane – Guests  
Michelle Heid – Vendor Advisory Committee Representative  
Diane Ambrose, Sara Iwahashi, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, and George Stevens – Staff Members

**Absent:** Daniel Becerra and Tavia Wooley

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**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

Jeremy Sunderland, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**II. Public Input** - There was no public input.

**III. Consent Items**

A. Approval of Agenda

Item IV.B. was deleted. Item IV.E. was moved up to become IV.A. and the remaining items were re-numbered accordingly. A new item IV.E. was added.

**M/S/C** (D. Joslin/J. Gould) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of February 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting

The minutes were approved as presented.

**IV. Committee Business**

A. Cover Sheet and PowerPoint Presentation: “The Time is Now!”

The creation of this presentation, which shows the impact of the inadequate rates paid to service providers and the need for rate increases, was requested by Senator Fran Pavley during a Grass Roots Week visit last fiscal year. The Vendor Advisory Committee has spent months putting together this information. They

also developed a cover sheet which provides a brief overview of what's included in the full presentation. Bob Erio and Ken Lane, who spearheaded the development of the presentation, were present at the meeting to review the presentation and cover sheet with the committee. Once approved by the board, the VAC is interested in sharing this information with legislators and others; perhaps it could be included in the Grass Roots Week information packets. After reviewing the presentation, the committee supported the presentation and cover sheet with one change: To add "NLACRC Vendor Advisory Committee" to it so its origin is known.

**M/S/C** (D. Joslin/D. Newman) To present "The Time is Now!" presentation and cover sheet at the April 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting for approval, with the one change noted.

B. Legislative Update

Sara provided the committee with copies of their updated bill file. The committee is currently tracking 39 state and federal bills. Sara reported that as we had anticipated, many new bills were submitted prior to the February 21<sup>st</sup> deadline. Rather than review all 39 bills, Sara highlighted just the priority bills with the committee. The committee took action on the following bills:

**M/S/C** (D. Joslin/D. Newman) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to support AB 1626 (Maienschein) which pertains to supported employment rates.

**M/S/C** (D. Joslin/J. Sunderland) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to oppose AB 1753 (Holden) which pertains to regional center vendorizations.

**M/S/C** (D. Joslin/D. Newman) To ask the Vendor Advisory Committee to discuss the following bills and recommend a position that the center should take on each: AB 1753 (Holden); AJR 36 (Gonzalez); SB 577 (Pavley); and SB 1109 (Hueso).

**Action:** The committee will watch SB 1093 (Liu) and if it progresses, the center will write Senator Liu a letter outlining the center's concerns.

**Action:** The committee will watch AB 2359 (Rodriguez) and SB 1178 (Correa).

C. Update on Legislative Breakfast: Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

Fliers for the breakfast were provided. The final Legislative Breakfast planning meeting will be held March 26<sup>th</sup>. A short film has been created for the breakfast that is about 6 minutes in length. Steve Miller, director of Tierra del Sol, will be opening the program and George will be closing it. RSVPs are required.

**Action:** The committee would like the legislative breakfast film to be shown at the April 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

D. NLACRC Grass Roots Week Visits

These visits will be scheduled in the spring. A special training will be held next month to prepare everyone for their visits.

E. State Budget Hearing Update

The developmental services budget hearings began today and George shared with the committee highlights from the hearing.

**V. Board Meeting Agenda Items**

The following items were identified for the April 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of March 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting
- B. Legislative Update
- C. Legislative Breakfast: Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>
- \* D. Approval of Cover Sheet and Presentation “The Time is Now!”
- \* E. Support Position on AB 1626 (Maienschein)
- \* F. Oppose Position on AB 1753 (Holden)

**VI. Announcements / Information / 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. Annual Legislative Training Session: Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

This training is held each year to prepare board members, Vendor Advisory Committee members, Consumer Advisory Committee members and staff for

their spring visits with our local legislators. The training will be held in lieu of the Consumer Services & Government/ Community Relations Committee meetings. Please RSVP your attendance to Jennifer.

C. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

## VII. Adjournment

Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

*Jennifer Kaiser*

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\* Action Item

