

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2014

Present: Jessica Gould, Duane Joslin, and Debra Newman – Committee Members
Ty Heid – Guest
Michelle Heid – Vendor Advisory Committee Representative
Diane Ambrose, Maria Bosch, Joan Daniels, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, and
George Stevens – Staff Members

Absent: Daniel Becerra, Jeremy Sunderland, and Tavia Wooley

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Duane called the meeting to order, in Jeremy's absence, at 6:02 p.m. Introductions were made.

II. Public Input

A. Article "Crime Odds Nearly Triple for Those with Disabilities"

Connie Lapin asked Jennifer to share copies of this article with the committee.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

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

B. Approval of Minutes of February 19th Meeting

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

IV. Committee Business

A. Status Report: Development of NLACRC's Employment First Policy

George reported that he met with Jenni Moran and Rebecca Lienhard after the last Vendor Advisory Committee meeting to discuss the next steps in developing a comprehensive Employment First policy for the center. The center's policy will extend from Early Start through school age to adulthood. We will need to figure out how vendors can incorporate the policy and how families can support it.

B. Board Audit: Does any action impact on the availability or quality of service?

Inadequate provider rates are definitely impacting the availability and quality of services for our consumers. Until this issue is resolved, our system is at risk. We have had 118 program closures due to the rate issue.

C. Monthly Community Placement Plan (CPP) Report

Copies of the monthly report were provided and Maria reviewed it with those present. The center's goal for this fiscal year was to place 21 consumers out of large facilities and into the community. Maria reported that as of March 6, all 21 placements have been made. We currently have only 3 consumers left living in institutes of mental disease (IMDs) and only 15 consumers left living at Lanterman Developmental Center.

D. 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 April 9th board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of March 19th Meeting
- * B. Approval of Proposed Changes to Legal Service Standard

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. Legislative Training Session: Wednesday, April 23rd, at 5:30 p.m.

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.

C. O.V. Smith, Founder of SOCCO

George announced that Mrs. O.V. Smith, founder of the Society of Community Care Home Operators (SOCCO) passed away last week, just shy of her 100th birthday. She had a great passion for our consumers and was an untiring advocate for ensuring that service providers had a voice.

D. 6th Annual AV Autism Walk

Deb announced that this year's walk will be held Saturday, April 12th, at Jet Hawks stadium in Lancaster.

E. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 21st, at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Duane adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

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* Action Item

