

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2014

Present: Dan Becerra, Jenean Glover, Dawn Hamilton, Debra Newman, and Tavia Wooley – Committee Members
Diane Ambrose, Jennifer Kaiser, Kim Rolfes, and George Stevens – Staff Members

Absent: All present

I. Call to Order

Jenean Glover, president, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Revised Agenda

A new Item IV.E. was added to the agenda, the remaining agenda items were re-numbered accordingly.

M/S/C (D. Hamilton/T. Wooley) To approve the revised agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes from August 27th Meeting

M/S/C (D. Newman/D. Hamilton) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Letter from Area Board 10 re: Conflict of Interest

We received another letter from the Area Board regarding 2 of our board members' potential conflicts of interest and copies of that letter were provided to the committee. George stated that the Governor just signed AB 1595 (Chesbro) which recast area boards as regional advisory committees to the State Council. As the area boards have been downgraded, the letter no longer carries much weight. George added that the decision regarding the potential conflicts is up to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Tavia announced that her husband no longer drives a bus for one of the center's providers, so her potential conflict of interest no longer exists.

Action: Tavia will contact Michele Marra and complete a new conflict of interest form.

B. Minor Increase to FY 2013-14 Board Budget

We received \$1,147.92 in late respite bills, so the budget needs to be increased to cover the shortfall.

M/S/C (D. Hamilton/D. Becerra; Abstention: J. Glover) To approve increasing the FY 2013-14 board budget, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, by \$1,147.92 to cover the shortfall in the board respite category caused by the receipt of 2 late bills.

C. Status Report on FY 2014-15 Board Budget

A status report on the budget was presented including the approved budget amounts, by category, expenses year to date, and remaining budget amount. To date, only 4.19% of the board budget has been spent.

D. Contracts for Approval (on behalf of the Board)

*1. Multiple Independent Living Service (ILS) Providers

M/S/C (D. Becerra/D. Newman) To approve the contract with multiple ILS providers, as presented, on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

*2. Behavioral Education Services Team, Inc. (BEST)

M/S/C (D. Becerra/D. Newman) To approve the contract with BEST, Inc., as presented, on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

E. Approval of Van Nuys Lease

M/S/C (D. Hamilton/D. Becerra) To authorize the signing of a lease for additional space at the Van Nuys office, if needed.

F. Annual Report on Whistleblower Compliance Activity (Michele) – *Deferred*

G. Finalize Agenda for the October 8th Board Meeting

The committee finalized the agenda which included the:

1. Review of the Executive Director's Evaluation Form
2. Review Whistleblower Policy and Sign Acknowledgment

V. Center Operations

A. Possible Program Closures

George received a letter today from one of the center's providers informing him that they are anticipating the closure of 2 of their programs unless additional funding for them can be obtained. The provider also sent copies of this letter to local legislators and the directors of DDS and the Department of Health & Human Services. Copies of the letter were shared with the committee. George stated the programs in question serve consumers with significant involvement and it is very important to keep these programs going.

B. Medi-Cal Coverage of Autism Services

The federal government has responded to the growing population of children with autism by having Medicare cover behavioral services for them. Although NLACRC has been providing behavioral services for many years, many other states do not, so this is their way to make sure all children with autism have the services they need. LA Care and Health Net will be providing the service in L.A. County, but they are nowhere near ready as yet. The center will continue to provide behavioral services to our consumers who need them and will work with LA Care and Health Net for a seamless transition for consumers and families. These changes, when fully implemented, will substantially change how the regional center provides services. The center will be issuing a program advisory to alert our community about these changes.

C. Union Negotiations

Diane Ambrose and Vini Montague are working with Mike Monk, attorney from Musick, Peeler, and Garrett, to represent us in union negotiations. Michele Marra is also on the negotiating team. George gave a status report on the negotiation points. The current union contract will expire on September 30th.

VI. Announcements / Information Items

A. Complete Meeting Evaluations

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

B. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 29th, at 7:15 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Jenean adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

*Action Item

Submitted by,

Jennifer Kaiser

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