

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2014

Present: Pam Aiona, Ed Catino, Mary Jo Fernando, Daniel Garcia, Juan Hernandez, William Rayber, and Jeffrey Thacker – Committee Members

Viviana Bautista and Shane Peterson – Guests

Eugene Baily, Jennifer Kaiser, and Jose Rodriguez – Staff Members

Absent: Lesly Forbes and Precious Malumfashi

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Juan Hernandez, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Everyone present was introduced.

2. Public Input

Eugene provided the committee members with their NLACRC badges which identify them as CAC members.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (W. Rayber/E. Kutik) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of September 2, 2014 Meeting

M/S/C (W. Rayber/E. Kutik) To approve the minutes as presented.

4. Presentation: Department of Rehabilitation “Employment Preparations” - *Deferred*

5. Old Business

A. Updated Event Calendar

Eugene provided the committee with copies of their updated event calendar. Daniel reported that the LA Commission on Disabilities meets the third Wednesday of each month.

Action: Eugene will make sure the LA Commission on Disabilities meetings are added to the event calendar.

Action: CAC members should forward information on any local events to Eugene so he can post them on the calendar.

B. Reports on Employment, Transportation, Legislation, and Housing (All)

1. Discussion re: Letter to the LADOT re: Bus #163
2. On October 8th, a hearing is being held in Los Angeles by Senator Beall to get testimony on how the developmental disabilities system has been affected by budget cuts. Information about the hearing was sent out by NLACRC and Eugene provided copies of that bulletin to the committee.

Action: Mary Jo plans on attending the October 9th hearing and will give a report on it at the next CAC meeting.

3. Starting December 15th, an express bus will connect the valley to the westside and offer nonstop service from the Orange Line to UCLA in Westwood. The buses will use the new carpool lanes on the 405 freeway.
4. Eight recommendations have been made for improving the Orange Line through the valley because it is running at or near maximum passenger levels during peak periods. Proposals include running every 4 minutes during peak periods and using buses longer than 60 feet.
5. The 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act will be July 26, 2015. The LA Commission on Disabilities is planning a reception to celebrate on Monday, October 20th, at 1:30 p.m. Daniel provided information about the reception to the committee.
6. A bridge has been built at the Lankershim station to help people more safely access the road to City Walk.

C. Report on CAC's Draft Travel Guide (Juan Hernandez)

Juan reported that the Board of Trustees gave their approval for the CAC to develop a travel tip guide. Eugene presented a draft mock-up of what the travel tip guide could look like. The committee made the following comments:

1. The current pictures should be replaced with travel-related pictures (planes, boats, trains, etc.).
2. 1-800 numbers for Super Shuttle, Access Services, and local taxi companies should be added.

Action: Eugene and Jennifer will work together and present an updated mock-up of the travel tip guide to the committee.

6. New Business

A. Discussion of the Training/Presentation Calendar for FY 2014-15

Copies of the current CAC training/presentation calendar were provided and reviewed. Trainings/presentations are still needed for the 2015 CAC meetings.

1. CAC's Ideas for Future Trainings or Presentations:
 - Daniel suggested a presentation on the LA Commission on Disabilities (who they are and what they do).
 - Jeffrey suggested a presentation on Access Services (recent service changes).
 - Daniel provided the committee with a list of videos that are available on U-Tube that may be of interest to the committee.
 - It was noted that an update on the Special Olympics World Games was not added to the calendar, as requested.

Action: Eugene will contact Sara Iwahashi and ask her to give a status report on the Special Olympics World Games at an upcoming CAC meeting.

C. Review Agenda for October 8th Board of Trustees Meeting (Jennifer Kaiser)

Copies of the agenda were provided to the committee and Jennifer reviewed it with them. The October 8th meeting is always held in the Antelope Valley. This year, the meeting will be held at Desert Haven Enterprises in Lancaster.

- D. Report on September 11th Metro Meeting (Liz Lyons) – *Deferred*
- E. Report on Sept. 17th LA Commission on Disabilities Meeting (Daniel Garcia)
The September 17th meeting was canceled.

Action: Daniel will give a report on the October 15th LA Commission on Disabilities meeting and the next CAC meeting.

- E. Planning for CAC's Annual Holiday Luncheon (November 4th at 1:15 p.m.)

The committee would like lunch from Boston Market and to include the following items:

1. Chicken, turkey, and meatloaf
2. Mashed potatoes and gravy
3. Stuffing
4. Corn
5. Apple, peach, and pumpkin pies
6. Sparkling Martinelli's apple cider

7. Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting

The following items were identified for the CAC's section of the October 8th board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of October 7, 2014 Meeting
- B. CAC Event Calendar

8. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. CAC Attendance Sheet

The committee attendance sheet is always included in the meeting packet. This is important because members cannot miss more than 5 meetings in a year, or 3 meetings in a row. If they do, they must resign their position on the committee.

- B. Annual CAC Holiday Luncheon: Tuesday, November 4th, at 1:15 p.m.
- C. Next CAC Meeting: Tuesday, November 4th, at 2:00 p.m.

- D. SSI/SSP Restoration Payment for Fiscal Year 2014-2015
- E. SSI/SSP Restoration Check for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

NLACRC recently sent announcements out to all consumers who received restoration payments. Eugene provided copies of both announcements to the committee for their information.

- F. Disability Scoop

Disability Scoop is an on source for news about the developmental disabilities system. Copies of the most recent newsletter were provided and headlines included:

1. A deal reached on tax-free disability savings accounts.
2. Behavioral services are difficult to access for adults with autism.
3. Nearly 1 in 3 people with disabilities live in poverty.
4. An international disability rights treaty was squashed.

9. **Adjournment**

Juan adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

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