

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2014

Present: Dan Becerra, Jenean Glover, Debra Newman, and Tavia Wooley – Committee Members
Diane Ambrose, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, and Kim Rolfes – Staff Members

Absent: Dawn Hamilton

I. Call to Order

Jenean Glover, president, called the meeting to order at 8:57 p.m.

II. Public Input - There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Item IV.B. was deferred and a new item IV.C. was added along with item IV.D.1.

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

B. Approval of Minutes from September 23rd Meeting

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

IV. Committee Business

A. 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 8.55% of the board budget has been spent.

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

C. California Legislature Letter to Governor Brown

As the board is aware, Senator Jim Beall held a hearing on October 9th at LA City Hall to get input on the impact California's recession and trailer bill language have

had on the state's developmental disabilities system. As a result of the testimony given, Senator Beall and 7 other local senators wrote a letter to the governor with their recommended inclusions for the FY 2015-16 state budget. Their recommendations were:

1. Cost of living increases for regional center employees.
2. Take action to address inadequate service provider rates.

Copies of the letter were provided to the committee for their review. Jennifer also e-mailed the letter to the full board.

D. Finalize Agenda for the November 12th Board Meeting

The committee finalized the agenda for the November 12th board meeting.

1. Discussion re: Self-Determination Advisory Committee Formation

The Consumer Services Committee requests a full board discussion about the formation of the NLACRC/Area Board local volunteer advisory committee to oversee the self-determination program. The Executive Committee agreed and added the discussion item to the agenda.

V. Center Operations

Diane gave the following report on behalf of George Stevens:

A. CMS Final Rule & Implications for California

In January 2014, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued rules about what service will qualify for federal funding under Medicaid waivers and 1915(i) state plan amendments. The major components require:

1. All services must be provided in home and community-based settings (before they were just for residential settings).
2. Individuals must have a lease agreement.
3. Rooms must have lockable doors.
4. States must give individuals the choice between single and shared rooms.
5. Individuals can control their own schedules and can access food and have visitors at any time.

Diane reported that these new mandates are troublesome and very concerning. They will mean a lot of changes to our system. These mandates will be difficult

to implement with consumers who have behavioral or judgment issues. But we do have time to figure out a solution; the final implementation date isn't until March 2019.

B. Self-Determination Program

A conference on self-determination is being held next week in Culver City. But NLACRC will be holding its own conferences, free of charge, in the spring of 2015. We have received a list of the proposed state self-determination definitions and a list of services that are to be part of the program. But these definitions still need approval by way of a federal waiver. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) should be submitting the waiver to the feds within the next month or so. There may be some discrepancy between the state list of approved services and the federal waiver list. In the meantime, we are working with CSUN on a geo-mapping project to identify zip codes of under-served consumers who may want to participate in one of the initial 176 slots. Once the waiver has been approved and we have been given direction from DDS, we will provide education and training to our community, identify consumers who are interested in participating in the program, and then proceed to the selection process.

C. Chaptered Bills

The following bills have been signed by the Governor and will have an impact on our system:

1. SB 577 (Pavley): This is a 4-year demonstration project for consumers 18-30 years old that will be piloted by 5 of the 21 regional centers. The purpose of the project is to determine whether community-based vocational development services will increase employment outcomes for consumers and reduce purchase of service costs for working age adults. The project is contingent upon federal funding. NLACRC is very interested in becoming one of the pilot centers.
2. SB 1093 (Liu): This bill requires regional centers to provide independent living skills services to adult consumers, consistent with their IPP, that provide the consumers with functional skills training that enables him or her to acquire or maintain skills to live independently in his or her own home, or to achieve greater independence while living in the home of a parent/family. It also expands the amount of data that regional centers must collect as part of their purchase of service disparity reports, which are posted on their websites.

3. AB 1710 (Dickinson): Due to the numerous privacy breaches by companies like Target, Lowe's, and Home Depot, this bill requires that companies that have privacy breaches must offer their customers 12 months of free credit monitoring.
4. AB 1089 (Calderon): This bill specifies transfer procedures for regional center consumers who are in the foster care system. The statewide chief counselors group is discussing this so it can be implemented in a uniform manner.

VI. Announcements / Information Items

A. Legislative Bootcamp

The Executive Committee would like to prepare board members for their meetings with legislators.

Action: The committee would like the board to be given a “bootcamp” on how to meet with legislators, on an annual basis, at the beginning of each year. The bootcamp could be held prior to the January Consumer Services & Government/Community Relations Committee meetings.

B. Complete Meeting Evaluations

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

C. Next Meeting: **Tuesday**, November 25th, at 7:00 p.m.

VII. Executive Session

A. Status of Union Negotiations

The committee did not go into executive session, because the status of the union negotiations was discussed in executive session at the Administrative Affairs Committee meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Jenean adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

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