

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
of
North Los Angeles County Regional Center
A Nonprofit Corporation**

The Board of Trustees of North Los Angeles County Regional Center, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, held their regular board meeting at North Los Angeles County Regional Center, 25360 Magic Mountain Parkway, Santa Clarita, California, on January 14, 2015.

Trustees Present

Dan Becerra
Dorothy Daniels
Craig Girard
Jenean Glover
Jessica Gould
Dawn Hamilton
Juan Hernandez
Duane Joslin
Myriam Jovel
Jenni Moran
Debra Newman
Lou Paparozzi
William Rayber
Sean Stalbaum
Angela White
Tavia Wooley

Trustees Absent

All present

Guests Present

Richard Dier
Elizabeth Lyons
Gay Wane
Antoinette Walker
Kathleen Secchi
Ivor Weiner
Victoria Berrey
Michelle Heid
Michael Green
Tiffany Ford

Staff Present

Joan Daniels
Lucy Gezalyan
Michele Marra
Jennifer Kaiser
Kim Rolfes
George Stevens
Anna Whitlock
Elisa Hill
Sheila Calove
Lisa Kimura
Paula Leonesio

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1. Call to Order & Introductions

Jenean called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Introductions were made.

2. Executive Session (Union and Employee Issues)

M/S/C (D. Joslin/W. Rayber) To go into executive session at 6:35 p.m.

The executive session ended at 7:07 p.m.

3. Public Input & Comments (3 minutes)

A. Richard Dier announced that his wife Linda recently passed away and provided information for her service which will be held Sunday, February 15th. He also

announced that he was selected by the State Council on Developmental Disabilities' (SCDD) local office to serve as a member of the SCDD/NLACRC voluntary advisory committee which will oversee the implementation of the self-determination project.

- B. Victoria Berry made several announcements. The Lanterman Coalition, consisting of the 19 statewide organizations of the California Developmental Services system, has urged the Brown administration to stop the current state of collapse of our system with a 10% reinvestment. The Family Focus Resource Center (FFRC) will be disseminating this information to their families. The FFRC has just put out a parent survey and Victoria encouraged families to complete it. The FFRC just received a \$20,000 grant to expand their mobile screening project.
- C. Gay Wane reported that Sheila Kuehl, former California senator, is now a member of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors. She is pushing to get the Departments of Mental Health, Public Health, and Social Services all under 1 "roof."
- D. Michael Green came to the meeting to make sure the board was informed about the current status of union negotiations and that 2 NLACRC staff members, who were also union members, were recently fired. He then read aloud a letter written to George Stevens by the president and co-founder of the Special Needs Network, about how the network stands with the service coordinators of NLACRC. Copies of this letter were also shared with the board.
- E. A representative of the SEIU local 721 read aloud a bulletin, entitled "Help us help the developmentally challenged." Copies of the bulletin were also shared with the board.
- F. Yolanda Haro, the mother of a consumer, spoke of the importance of raises and lowering caseloads to support NLACRC's service coordinators.
- G. Berry Bernal, the brother of a former service coordinator, stated that the break-in on the 4th floor of the center's main office, after hours, was actually a peaceful, candle light vigil and asked for the board to support the reinstatement of the 2 service coordinators who were fired due to the break-in.
- H. Daniel Garcia, a consumer, came to the board meeting to stress his support for lowering service coordinators' caseloads.

4. Consent Items

A. Approval of Revised Agenda (*Packet #2, page 71*)

M/S/C (D. Joslin/D. Newman) To approve the revised agenda as presented.

B. Approval of November 12th Board Meeting Minutes (*Packet #1, page 7*)

M/S/C (L. Paporozzi/W. Rayber) To approve the minutes as presented.

5. Committee Action Items (*Packet #2, page 74*)

A. Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee (Jenean Glover)

- * 1. Approval of Bylaws Changes – *Deferred*

B. Administrative Affairs Committee (Dan Becerra)

- * 1. Approval of Contract: The Adults Skills Center

M/S/C (C. Girard/D. Becerra/Abstention: J. Moran) To approve the contract with the Adult Skills Center, as presented, for the projected value of \$455,685 over the 5-year contract term.

- * 2. Approval of Contract: Pathpoint

M/S/C (D. Joslin/D. Becerra/Abstention: J. Moran) To approve the contract with Pathpoint, as presented, for the projected value of \$2,319,540 over the 5-year contract term.

6. Director's Report (*Packet #2, page 80*)

George addressed the following areas in his report: allocation methodology; state budget; legislation; regional center operations; and community activities. Copies of the director's report were included in the meeting packet along with the center's monthly quality assurance, consumer statistics, and special incident reports. Also included with his report was the Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA's) analysis of the governor's proposed FY 2015-16 state budget, a legislative report, and the California State Auditor's report on the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS's) residential parental fee program. George added that the governor's proposed budget does not include any cost increases for regional center operations or rate increases for service providers, as we had hoped.

7. Association of Regional Center Agencies

A. Next Meetings: January 15th & 16th (Alta California Regional Center, Sacramento)

Craig Girard, Tavia Wooley, and Diane Ambrose will be participating in the upcoming ARCA meetings.

8. Administrative Affairs Committee (*Packet #1, page 16*)

A. Minutes of the November 25th Meeting

The minutes were included in the meeting packet; please see Dan with any questions.

B. Financial Report (See Section 8.C. below.)

C. Updated Financial Report (*Packet #2, page 127*)

The center's operations budget is \$37,965,078 with no projected surplus or deficit. The purchase of service (POS) budget is \$281,732,353 with projected expenses of \$314,486,896, leaving a projected budget deficit of \$32,754,543 in the worst case and \$28,972,692 in the best case.

9. Consumer Advisory Committee (*Packet #2, page 137*)

A. Minutes of the January 6th Meeting

The minutes were included in the meeting packet; please see Juan with any questions. Juan added that the committee is busy gathering information for the development of a travel guide for consumers.

B. Updated Event Calendar

Copies of the CAC's updated event calendar were included in the meeting packet.

10. Consumer Services Committee (*Packet #1, page 26*)

A. Minutes of the November 19th Meeting

The minutes were included in the meeting packet; please see Tavia with any questions.

B. Self-Determination Program Update

George gave an update on the program during his director's report, but Tavia added that her committee decided that the SCDD/NLACRC voluntary advisory committee should be composed of 11 members, including the client rights' advocate. The SCDD's local office will be selecting 5 members and NLACRC will be selecting the other 5 members.

11. **Executive Committee** (*Packet #1, page 31*)

A. Minutes of November 25th Meeting

The minutes were included in the meeting packet; please see Jenean with any questions.

B. Action Taken to Approve Contracts:

The Executive Committee took action at their last meeting to approve the following contracts, on behalf of the board. Summaries of the contracts were included in the meeting packet.

1. Modern Support Services, LLC
2. National Support Services, Inc.
3. Service Providers Vendored for Personal Assistance
4. Service Providers Vendored for Parent Coordinated Supported Living Program Services
5. Service Providers Vendored for In-Home Respite Services
6. Service Providers Vendored for Supported Living Services

12. **Government & Community Relations** (*Packet #1, page 55*)

A. Minutes of November 19th Meeting

The minutes were included in the meeting packet; please see Tavia with any questions. Tavia added that planning for the next Legislative Breakfast is underway; the planning committee will be holding their first meeting later this month. The event will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 10th, at Sam's Café.

13. **Housing Committee** (*Packet #1, page 59*)

A. Minutes of November 17th Meeting

The minutes were included in the meeting packet; please see Tavia with any questions. Tavia added that a wonderful presentation was given on how tax credits are used to build low-income housing. The presentation was given by Bill Tavao, executive director of the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee. Please contact Jennifer if you would like to get a copy of his PowerPoint presentation.

14. Nominating Committee (*Packet #2, page 144*)

A. Minutes of January 7th Meeting

The minutes were included in the meeting packet; please see Dawn with any questions. Dawn added that we have up to 6 positions to fill on the board and received 32 applications. An orientation for the board applicants will be held Tuesday, February 3rd, immediately following a brief Nominating Committee meeting. There will only be 1 position to fill on the Vendor Advisory Committee and only 1 position to fill on the Consumer Advisory Committee.

B. Interest in Serving as a Board Officer in FY 2015-16

The board was provided with copies of a form that should be used if they are interested in serving as a board officer next fiscal year. Please submit any completed forms to Jennifer.

15. Post-Retirement Medical Trust Committee - *No Report*

16. Strategic Planning Committee - *No Report*

17. Vendor Advisory Committee (*Packet #2, page 152*)

A. Minutes of January 8th Meeting – *Deferred*

B. Presentation of Draft Employment First Policy

Jenni presented a draft Employment First policy that was developed by the Vendor Advisory Committee over these last many months. Jennifer reviewed the policy with the board. The board congratulated Jenni and her committee for their fine work in the development of this policy.

M/S/C (D. Joslin/D. Becerra) To forward the draft Employment First policy to the Consumer Services Committee for their review.

18. Old Business / New Business (*Packet #1, page 66*)

A. Attendance Sheets

Board and board committee meeting attendance sheets are always included in the first meeting packet. Board members cannot miss 3 consecutive meetings or 5 meetings in a year.

B. Complete Meeting Evaluations

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

C. Visitation Reports

No visitations were reported, although Jennifer is working to arrange visits for several board members.

19. Announcements / Information / Public Input

A. President Obama signed the **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act** (WIOA) into law on July 22, 2014. WIOA is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. Congress passed the Act by a wide bipartisan majority; it is the first legislative reform in 15 years of the public workforce system.

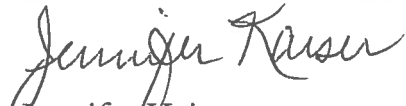
B. Kathleen Secchi announced that the Family Focus Resource Center is going to be holding workshops on a variety of topics as part of their transition series. Information about the workshops was made available.

A. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 12th, at 6:30 p.m. (Van Nuys)


20. Adjournment

Jenean adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by,


Jennifer Kaiser
Executive Assistant

for:


Debra Newman
Board Secretary

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