

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Government & Community Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2015

Present: Dorothy Daniels, Myriam Jovel, Debra Newman, Lou Papparozi, Sean Stalbaum, Angela White, and Tavia Wooley – Committee Members
Michelle Heid– Vendor Advisory Committee Representative
Richard Dier and Cheryl Hendrickson, Angelo Valente, and Bonnie White – Guests
Diane Ambrose, Susana Gil, Ruth Janka, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, and George Stevens – Staff Members

Absent: All present

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Tavia Wooley, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

II. Public Input

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

The date in item V.A. was changed from April 14th to May 20th.

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

B. Approval of Minutes of April 15th Meeting

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

IV. Committee Business

A. Review and Approve Critical Calendar for next Fiscal Year

Copies of the proposed critical calendar were provided to the committee for their review and input. The committee would like the legislative training, usually held in the spring, to be held earlier in the fiscal year.

M/S/C (L. Paparozzi/S. Stalbaum) To approve the critical calendar as modified, and to reserve the right to make changes to it during the fiscal year as the board's legislative strategy may change.

B. The Governor's Proposed State Budget for FY 2015-16

George provided information about the governor's proposed budget for next fiscal year. The budget did not include the 10% increase proposed by the Lanterman Coalition, however, legislators are urging the governor to increase the budget by 5% in FY 2015-16 and another 5% in FY 2016-17. The budget also included the announced closure of 3 more developmental centers. This is good news, but the community system needs to be shored up before it can be ready to take on these new consumers. Hearings on budget issues are now underway.

C. Legislative Update

Sara provided the committee with their updated bill file. Per the committee's request, Sara identified the following bills, from the bill file, which the committee may want to take action on:

1. AB 35 (Chiu): Income taxes/credits: Low income housing allocation increase

M/S/C (S. Stalbaum/L. Paparozzi) To recommend to the Executive Committee to approve supporting AB 35 (Chiu) on behalf of the Board of Trustees, with a letter written to the bill's author.

2. AB 449 (Irwin): Income taxation/savings plans: Qualified ABLE program

M/S/C (L. Paparozzi/D. Daniels) To recommend to the Executive Committee to approve supporting AB 449 (Irwin) on behalf of the Board of Trustees, with a letter written to the bill's author.

3. AB 643 (Nazarian): Emergency services/silver alerts

M/S/C (S. Stalbaum/D. Daniels) To recommend to the Executive Committee to approve supporting AB 643 (Nazarian) on behalf of the Board of Trustees, with a letter written to the bill's author.

4. AB 662 (Bonilla): Public accommodation for disabled adults/changing facilities

M/S/C (D. Daniels/L. Paparozzi) To recommend to the Executive Committee to approve supporting AB 662 (Bonilla) on behalf of the Board of Trustees, with a letter written to the bill's author.

5. SB 11 (Beall): Peace officer training/mental health (the same bill as AB 1227)

M/S/C (L. Paparozzi/D. Daniels) To recommend to the Executive Committee to approve supporting SB 11 (Beall) on behalf of the Board of Trustees, with a letter written to the bill's author.

6. SB 324 (Pavley): Income taxation/savings plans: Qualified ABLE program (the same bill as AB 449 above)

M/S/C (S. Stalbaum/L. Paparozzi) To recommend to the Executive Committee to approve supporting SB 324 (Pavley) on behalf of the Board of Trustees, with a letter written to the bill's author.

7. AB 563 (Lopez): Successful aging of adults with developmental disabilities

M/S/C (L. Paparozzi/D. Newman) To take a "watch" position on AB 563 (Lopez).

8. AB 564 (Eggman): Regional centers/parental fees

M/S/C (S. Stalbaum/D. Newman) To take a "watch" position on AB 564 (Eggman).

9. SB 479 (Bates): Healing arts/behavioral analysis/licensing

M/S/C (S. Stalbaum/D. Daniels) To recommend to the Executive Committee to approve supporting SB 479 (Bates) on behalf of the Board of Trustees, with a letter written to the bill's author.

10. SB 490 (Beall): Regional centers/audits

Action: Michele and Sara will get clarification on what the word "compliance" means in the bill and will report back to the committee.

D. Proposed Legislative Strategy for the FY 2015-16 Board of Trustees

George recommended that we collaborate with our community partners to develop a legislative strategy for next fiscal year.

Action: The committee would like to organize a brainstorming session on a legislative strategy for next fiscal year. We should invite all board members and Vendor Advisory Committee members to participate. Also, the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) should be consulted for their input.

E. Draft Social Media Policy/Guidelines

Copies of the updated draft policy were provided. Only 2 changes were proposed and they were in bold print and underlined.

M/S/C (S. Stalbaum/L. Paparozzi) To present the draft Social Media Policy to the Board of Trustees, as updated, for their review and approval.

F. Special Olympics World Games - Update

Sara created an informational page on the Special Olympic World Games on the center's website. Yolanda Bosch, one of the center's directors of consumer services, will be the team captain for NLACRC's involvement in "fans in the stands." Our fans in the stands team will be made up of staff members from the San Fernando Valley office and any interested board members. They will be supporting the soccer events that will be held locally on July 30th and 31st, at the Balboa Sports Center. An email will be sent to staff and board members in early June with more information.

V. Board Meeting Agenda Items

The following items were identified for the committee's section of the June 10th board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of May 20th Meeting
- B. Legislative Update
- C. Special Olympics World Games - Update
- D. Approval of Draft Social Media Policy/Guidelines

VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. Complete Meeting Evaluations

Tavia asked the committee members to please complete evaluations forms after the meeting and submit them to her with any changes.

B. Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 15th (no June meeting)

VII. Adjournment

Tavia adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by,

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