

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes**  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Present:** Dorothy Daniels, Myriam Jovel, Debra Newman, Lou Paparozzi, Sean Stalbaum, Angela White, and Tavia Wooley – Committee Members  
Michelle Heid – Vendor Advisory Committee Representative  
Richard Dier and Anthony Williams - Guests  
Maria Bosch, Joan Daniels, Susana Gil, Ruth Janka, Liliana Windover, and George Stevens – Staff Members

**Absent:** All present

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**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

Tavia Wooley, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Introductions were made.

**II. Public Input** – Richard Dier stated that he had questions regarding some of the agenda items.

**III. Consent Items**

A. Approval of Agenda

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

B. Approval of Minutes of January 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting

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

**IV. Committee Business**

A. Self-Determination Program (SDP) Update

Ruth stated that we have begun the process to interview applicants for our local advisory committee. We will be conducting interviews in all 3 valleys. We will also be conducting a total of 6 informational meetings, 3 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon during a period of 3 days. These meetings have been tentative scheduled on May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup>. A third date along with the locations will be announced soon.

Ruth informed the members of this committee that we have not received additional information or materials from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) other than what is in statute. DDS is waiting for approval of their waiver application before they begin to take the next steps. DDS has been given the authority to create a Program Advisory regarding their expectations for the SDP. We have not received information regarding how selection for participants in the SDP will occur. The center is also partnering with the Family Resource Center to conduct outreach to families. We also have a link on our website if families are interested in participating in this program.

B. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Exceptions/Exemptions Report

The exceptions report lists requests from consumers and families for services that are outside of the center's service standards and whether those services were approved or denied. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of this fiscal year, the center approved 306 requests and denied only 6.

The exemptions report lists requests made for services that have been suspended or reduced as a result of the trailer bill language. The report showed that during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of this fiscal year, no exemptions were requested or subsequently granted.

C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Consumer Diagnosis Report

Copies of the report were provided to the committee for their review. The report showed diagnostic information about the center's consumers each quarter since the beginning of FY 2012-13. Of the 21,145 consumers that the center serves, the diagnosis breakdown is as follows:

1. Intellectual Disability: 8,470 (4.34% increase since July 1, 2012)
2. Autism: 7,692 (24.06% increase)
3. Cerebral Palsy: 535 (3.68% increase)
4. Epilepsy: 229 (4.09% increase)
5. Other developmental disability: 1,005 (3.72% increase)
6. Early Start: 3,214 (16.41% increase)

George pointed that out of the 2,294 consumers in the Santa Clarita Valley, half of them have been diagnosed with autism. Transition services in the Santa Clarita Valley for our adult consumers are very limited. We need to look for better transition programs in that valley. George has been in discussion with Yolanda

Bosch and Kim Rolfes in terms the changing of demographics and what we need to do to address the service needs. Service providers are aware that young consumers leaving school want something different. Yolanda is in conversation with College of the Canyon to see what it could be done. We need the support from the board and advocacy to obtain the necessary funds and bring alternatives.

D. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Appeals & Hearings Report - *Deferred*

E. Monthly Community Placement Plan (CPP) Report

The center was awarded startup funds for FY 2013-14. All of the Request for Proposals (RFP) awardees have been notified and contracts signed. Development phase is starting on all projects. In addition, the center finished all the RFP applicant interviews for FY 2014-15. We are developing 2 homes in the Antelope Valley for adults with behavioral challenges, one home for adolescents in the San Fernando Valley (SFV), supported living services for all three valleys, and a day program in the SFV. We did not get any applicants for the Antelope Valley day program we wanted to develop with the 2 homes. Award letters were sent out.

The center submitted its CPP plan for FY 2015-16. A conference call with DDS will be set up to discuss our plan.

Tavia encouraged committee members to visit our CPP providers. If any member is interested, they should contact Maria Bosch at mbosch@nlacrc.org.

F. Questions re: Monthly Quality Assurance and Special Incident Reports

There were no questions regarding these reports which were presented at last week's board meeting with George's director's report.

**V. Board Meeting Agenda Items**

The following items were identified for the committee's section of the April 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of April 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting
- B. Self-Determination Program Update
- C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Exceptions/Exemptions Report
- D. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Consumer Diagnosis Report
- E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Appeals & Hearings Report – *Deferred*

- F. Approval of Residential & Supported Living Out-of-Community/Out-of-State Travel Guidelines.

## **VI. Announcements / Information Items / Public Input**

- A. Complete Meeting Evaluations

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

- B. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Tavia adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted by:

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