

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
October 8, 2015

**Present:** Sandra Baker, Victoria Berry, Nicole Carter, Mercedes Del Cid, Richard Dier, Allison Cameron Gray, Michelle Heid, Ellen Jannol, Debra Newman, Bebo Saab – Committee Members  
Ruth Janka, George Stevens, Lizeth Chavez, Hal Kirkland, – Staff Members  
Julie Eby-McKenzie - State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Connie Lapin, Harvey Lapin, Royce Siggard, Judy Mark, Julia Amerongen - Guests

**Absent:** Royce Abrams – Committee Member

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Richard Dier at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions from the Committee were made. Richard asked the guests to introduce themselves as well.

**2. Public Input** – There was no public input

**3. Consent Items**

A. Approval of Agenda

**M/S/C** (M. Heid/E. Jannol) To approve the Agenda as presented.

<b>Baker</b>	Yes	<b>Gray</b>	Yes
<b>Berrey</b>	Yes	<b>Heid</b>	Yes
<b>Carter</b>	Yes	<b>Jannol</b>	Yes
<b>Del Cid</b>	Yes	<b>Newman</b>	Yes
<b>Dier</b>	Yes	<b>Saab</b>	Yes

Discussion followed about whose name and phone number should be provided on the meeting notice if a member of the public has questions. Richard said he thought it would be appropriate to list Liz Chavez, a staff member, if people have questions about the date, time, location, or agenda). Ruth said Liz cannot questions about the details of the agenda items but she can refer those questions to Richard as Committee Chair.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 10 Committee Meeting:

**M/S/C** (B. Saab/M. Del Cid) To approve the minutes as presented.

<b>Baker</b>	Yes	<b>Gray</b>	Yes
<b>Berrey</b>	Yes	<b>Heid</b>	Yes
<b>Carter</b>	Yes	<b>Jannol</b>	Yes
<b>Del Cid</b>	Yes	<b>Newman</b>	Yes
<b>Dier</b>	Yes	<b>Saab</b>	Yes

4. **DDS/Statewide Advisory Committee News**

Richard invited Judy Mark, who sits on the Statewide Advisory Committee, to give an update. Judy provided an overview of the Committee membership and said they have been meeting every other month since December 2013. They are focusing on the waiver application and getting it moved through approval by CMS. She explained that all new waiver applications must meet the new Home and Community Based Services rules that will go into effect in March 2019, and that's the hold up with the SDP waiver application.

DDS is working on training modules for Regional Center staff, and materials for consumers and families. Harvey Lapin said that there will be 5 regions set up for training, so that there will be consistency in training. Harvey also stated that an FMS vendor can be used by consumers from any Regional Center catchment area.

Richard asked how the statewide advisory committee is organized. Judy explained that it is loosely organized, and that DDS runs the meetings and the Committee gives input. Debra asked if there are agendas or minutes that can be accessed; Judy said no.

5. **Presentation: Bagley Keene Act**

Julie Eby-McKenzie of the SCDD Los Angeles office gave a presentation about the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. The main points included:

- Public participation
- Types of meetings (regular, special and emergency)
- Communication by Committee members between meetings (serial meetings)
- Teleconference meetings and access to meetings
- Notice requirements and recordkeeping

6. **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

## 7. Old Business

### A. Special Needs Resource Fair

Michelle Heid distributed a draft copy of a flyer that we will make available at the Special Needs Resource Fair on October 17. It gives basic information about the Self Determination Program, how to find out more, and the date and location for the November meeting. Mercedes Del Cid provided some suggestions for the Spanish translation. We will print 200 copies for the Resource Fair.

**Action Items:** Michelle will send the revised flyer to Victoria for printing. (English/Spanish).

## 8. New Business

### A. Information exchange between LVAC and NLACRC

Richard asked if it would be appropriate to discuss options with Ruth and bring options to the Committee. Richard will schedule a meeting with Ruth.

### B. Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center

Richard will ask Liz Harrell to be our guest speaker for November's meeting.

### C. Future Meetings & Agenda Items

We will discuss at November's meeting.

## 9. Public Comment

Harvey Lapin said that the ASLA revised booklet from their Self Determination conference is available for purchase.

## 10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair, Richard Dier at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by

Victoria Berrey  
Secretary