

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2015

Present: Pam Aiona, Mary Jo Fernando, Lesly Forbes, Juan Hernandez, Hillary Marides, William Rayber, and Adam Stokes – Committee Members
Jessica Gould – Board of Trustees Member
Viviana Bautista – Guest

Jennifer Kaiser and Jose Rodriguez – Staff Members

Absent: Daniel Garcia

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Mary Jo Fernando, CAC chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Introductions were made.

2. Public Input

Jose announced that consumers who have applied for the annual Disneyland reduced fee one-day pass should receive an e-mail about the pass sometime before November 10th. The reduced pass is \$53/day for 1 park or \$83/day for a park-hopper.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Item 4.F. was added to the agenda.

M/S/C (W. Rayber/H. Marides) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of October 6th Meeting Minutes

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

4. Committee Business

A. Reports on Employment, Transportation, Legislation, and Housing

1. Juan brought in Christina Banco's business card. She is the operations service monitor for Access Services. She addresses rider's complaints. Her

phone number is (213) 270-6000 and her e-mail address is blanco@accessla.org.

2. William reported that the Burbank City Council has decided to modify the Burbank Airport to include plugs so travelers can charge their cellphones.
3. Lesly reported that a company called Chrysalis is helping to prepare her for employment. Her next training with them will be this Thursday.

Action: Lesly will ask if someone at Chrysalis could come to a future CAC meeting to talk about consumer employment.

B. Updated CAC Event Calendar

Jose provided fliers for the following events:

1. The 19th Annual Van Nuys Health Fair & Family Festival on Saturday, November 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Children's Community School 14702 Sylvan Street.
2. A financial aid presentation on "funding your college future" will be held on Thursday, November 19th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church, 15435 Rayen Street in North Hills.
3. A holiday open house and food/toy drive will be held by Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian on Thursday, December 10th, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Assembly Member's office at 6150 Van Nuys Boulevard in Suite 300.

Action: Liz and Jessica will both attend Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian's holiday open house and give a report on it at the next CAC meeting.

C. Report on October 2nd ARCA CAC Meeting

William reported that the committee's self-advocacy and legislative workgroups met and reported back to the full group. Each CAC member gave a report on what activities their regional center is currently involved with. The CAC chair gave a report on the most recent ARCA Board of Directors meeting. The committee discussed current legislation and the status of the state budget. They

were also given a report on the National Core Indicators project and discussed ways to reach out to legislators. Also the ARCA CAC's Facebook page is finally up and running! The next in-person meeting will be held in Sacramento on Friday, January 8th.

D. CAC Training/Presentation Calendar

The following trainings will be scheduled at future CAC meetings:

1. January 2016: Disaster Preparedness (Fire Department).
2. February 2016: Employment Options for Consumers (Dept. of Rehab.)
3. March 2016: Employment Program for Consumers (Chrysalis)

Action: Jose will work with CAC members to arrange these trainings and will also add them to the CAC's training calendar.

E. Review Agenda for November 10th Board of Trustees Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at the Van Nuys office at 6:30 p.m. Kim Rolfes, the center's chief financial officer, will be giving a presentation on the center's operations budget.

F. Legislative Subcommittee Meeting

At the last CAC meeting, Mary Jo was asked to seek board approval for the CAC to invite members of the media to a CAC meeting to tell them how the under-funding of our system is affecting them on a personal level. The board suggested that the Government & Community Relations Committee meet with the CAC to draft a presentation on how the lack of adequate funding is hurting our system and present that presentation to the board for their review and input. Jessica Gould is a member of the Government & Community Relations Committee and she came to today's CAC meeting to discuss this. She asked for the CAC's input on what they thought should be included in the presentation. The CAC members came up with the following ideas:

1. Get a booth at various events.
2. Attend legislators' events and take time to talk with them.
3. Let people know that if they don't fight for the system, they'll lose it.
4. Provide consumers with a simple message for legislators.
5. Teach consumers how to advocate for themselves.

6. Share the center's report on program and home closures with legislators and ask them "How many more programs have to close before we get proper funding?"
7. Find out which consumers were affected by the program closures and ask them and their families to get involved.

Action: Jessica will share these ideas with the Government & Community Relations Committee.

5. Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting

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

- A. Minutes from November 3rd Meeting
- B. CAC Event Calendar

6. Announcements/Information/Public Input

- A. CAC Attendance Sheet

Attendance sheets are updated monthly and are sent with the meeting packets. CAC members cannot miss more than 2 meetings in a row or more than 4 meetings in a 12-month period.

- B. Next CAC Meeting: Tuesday, January 5th, at 2:00 p.m. (no December meeting)

7. Adjournment

Mary Jo adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

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