

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2016

Present: Sandra Baker, Victoria Berry, Richard Dier, Allison Cameron Gray, Ellen Jannol, Debra Newman, Bebo Saab – Committee Members
Ruth Janka, Lizeth Chavez – NLACRC Staff
Julie Eby-McKenzie – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Troy Barry, James Chavez, Miriam Corona, Melissa Brizec, Cynthia Barry, Stephen Gaber, Don Lucas, Eunice Miranda Hernandez, Jim Hooyenga, Abraham Miranda - Guests

Absent: Royce Abrams, Michelle Heid – Committee Members

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Richard Dier at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions from the Committee were made. Richard asked the guests to introduce themselves.

2. Public Input

Stephen Gaber asked how he can find out more about Self Determination. Information about status, future Committee meetings and outreach meetings was given. Steven asked that programs be provided to assist consumers with Asperger's syndrome.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (B. Saab/S. Baker) To approve the Agenda.

Abrams	Absent	Gray	Yes
Baker	Yes	Heid	Absent
Berrey	Yes	Jannol	Yes
Carter	Yes	Newman	Yes
Del Cid	Yes	Saab	Yes
Dier	Yes		

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 28 Meeting:

M/S/C (E. Jannol/S. Baker) To approve the minutes as amended.

Abrams	Absent	Gray	Yes
Baker	Yes	Heid	Absent
Berrey	Yes	Jannol	Yes
Carter	Yes	Newman	Yes
Del Cid	Yes	Saab	Yes
Dier	Yes		

Corrections were made to Chair's comments and motion related to interpretation at February meeting.

C. Approval of Future Meeting Locations.

M/S/C (B. Saab/M. Del Cid) To meet on the 3rd Thursday of April in Santa Clarita.

Abrams	Absent	Gray	Yes
Baker	Yes	Heid	Absent
Berrey	Yes	Jannol	Yes
Carter	Yes	Newman	Yes
Del Cid	Yes	Saab	Yes
Dier	Yes		

Richard and Debra have conflicts on the proposed March meeting date. Other dates in March were proposed but not acceptable to everyone. The Committee agreed to skip the meeting in the month of March and meet instead on April 21.

Action Item: Victoria will ask Liz to book the Santa Clarita conference room on April 21.

4. **Chair Report**

Richard said he met with Debra Newman, Lou Paparazzo and George Stevens regarding the Board policy of how the Committee should make requests of the Board, and how reports are made to Board. Debra summarized as follows: any request from the Committee should be in the meeting minutes in the form of an action item. Requests will be presented to the appropriate Board Committee to be discussed/approved. This is by request of the Board President, Lou Paparazzo.

M/S/C (M. Del Cid/E. Jannol) To allow the Self Determination Advisory Committee Chair to approach the Board when there are action items requested from the Board.

Abrams	Absent	Gray	Yes
Baker	Yes	Heid	Absent
Berrey	No	Jannol	Yes
Carter	Abstain	Newman	Abstain
Del Cid	Yes	Saab	Yes
Dier	Yes		

There was discussion about whether the Board reviews the Committee meeting minutes, how the Committee can get information to the Board, and the role of the Board Members on the Committee. Richard requested that we continue this topic at the next meeting.

Action Item: Debra will bring the Advisory Committee request to the Board.

Richard said he will be attending the Statewide Advisory Committee meeting at Westside Regional Center on March 3.

5. **NLACRC/DDS/Update**

Ruth Janka said the new Self Determination Specialist started in February. She is undergoing new staff orientation and working with the Public Information supervisor to identify venues for pre-enrollment

meetings. Specific areas mentioned include Lake Los Angeles, Newhall, Canoga Park and Agoura, in conjunction with Tri-Counties Regional Center. She will also meet with the Family Focus Resource Center to discuss a plan for outreach to support groups that FFRC facilitates. Also, George Stevens has met with Assemblywoman Patty Lopez who is interested in collaborating on getting the word out about Self Determination.

DDS says they will roll out information in 60 days for the pre-enrollment information meetings.

All NLACRC units will be trained by March 16. Ruth has added information on the HCBS final rule to the trainings. She proposes that the Advisory Committee also add training information about the HCBS final rule and the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA). Richard agreed and would like to have a training on the HCBS final rule. Bebo said he has done trainings on WIOA and would be happy to do one for the Committee.

Richard asked if NLACRC has begun telling consumers about SDP. Ruth said she does not have a handout on SDP at this time. Bebo suggested using one that the SCDD has developed, or modifying it. Julie said that outreach should be done to underserved groups per the POS expenditures disparities report. Ruth discussed the various ways outreach will be conducted: mail, email, IPP meetings and public meetings. Once people come to the pre-enrollment meetings, they will know what areas have been missed.

Action item: Julie will send the SCDD flyer (English/Spanish) to the Advisory Committee.

6. ASLA New Day Conference

Richard shared that Nicole Carter presented at the New Day conference on her experiences as a consumer with health and safety needs, and empowerment. Richard discussed the new HCBS regulations and how they are more far-reaching because they will affect places where people live and work. Victoria discussed the outreach session. Sandra attended the FMS session, where they discussed different employment options for direct service providers. She also enjoyed the Person Centered Planning session, and Debra agreed.

Richard discussed the deal in Sacramento that would increase funding to developmental services in exchange for extending the MCO tax. George Stevens provided details.

7. Announcements

Victoria announced that SCDD will have an Independent Facilitator Training on April 30, which will be hosted at CSUN. NLACRC will have its POS expenditures public meetings on March 14 in Van Nuys and March 28 in AV.

8. Old Business

A. None

9. New Business

A. Feedback Form. We are developing a feedback form so that Committee members can indicate what works and what did not work at the meeting.

B. Future training topics. Richard plans to schedule Person Centered Planning for April.

10. Public Comment

A guest commented on not being able to hear the discussion.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair, Richard Dier at 9:02 p.m.

Submitted by

Victoria Berrey
Secretary