

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2016

Present: Pam Aiona, Lesly Forbes, Hillary Marides, William Rayber, and Adam Stokes – Committee Members
Miguel Arias, Wilma Baloo, Estella Laura, Liz Lyons, Jill Martin, and David Milian – Guests
Sara Iwahashi, Jennifer Kaiser, and Jose Rodriguez – Staff Members

Absent: Mary Jo Fernando and Daniel Garcia

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Hillary called the meeting to order, in Mary Jo's absence, at 2:01 p.m. Hillary asked everyone present to please put their cell phones on silence or vibrate during the meeting. Introductions were then made. After introductions, everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Pam who has a birthday later this month!

2. Public Input (3 minutes)

A. NLACRC Grass Roots Week

Sara Iwahashi, information and public relations manager for the center, explained that each year, the center sends groups of representatives to meet with our local legislators (assembly members and senators). Each group has a staff lead, service provider, board member, and a consumer. Sara was looking for consumers from this committee who would be interested in participating in one of these groups.

Action: Pam Aiona, Hillary Marides, and Liz Lyons all signed up to participate in the Grass Roots Week visits.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Minutes of January 5th Meeting

The agenda and minutes were approved as presented.

4. Presentation: Chrysalis Enterprises

David Milian, employment specialist with Chrysalis, provided the committee members and guests with information about this company. Chrysalis is a nonprofit organization located in Pacoima that specializes in changing lives through jobs. They provide many different services to help people prepare for employment which are also free! Services provided include:

- A. Job readiness training
- B. Resume preparation
- C. Practice interviews
- D. Computer and Internet training
- E. Transitional jobs
- F. Support groups
- G. Work wardrobe
- H. Bus tokens and TAP cards

For more information, you can visit their website at www.ChangeLives.org or you can call David directly at (818) 794-4200.

5. Committee Business

A. Reports on Employment, Transportation, Legislation, and Housing (All)

1. Report on Access Services Meeting: Liz reported that Access was considering raising their fares, but decided not to. This is very good news for riders. The next Access Services Community Advisory Committee meeting will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., on Monday, March 8th, at One Gateway Plaza in LA.
2. Entertainment Industry Classes (Precious) – *Deferred*
3. City of Los Angeles Affordable Housing (Daniel) – *Deferred*

B. Report on LA Care Meeting (Hillary)

Hillary reported that she and Liz Lyons both serve on the LA Care Regional Community Advisory Committee.

C. Updated Event Calendar

The annual Abilities Expo will be held February 5th, 6th, and 7th, at the LA

Convention Center. Fliers for the event were provided. Admission is free. Activities will include:

1. Cutting-edge technology
2. Life-enhancing products
3. Sports for all abilities
4. Relevant workshops
5. Disability services
6. Essentials for seniors
7. Fun and games for kids
8. Creative adaptive dance
9. Devoted service animals

If you want to attend, you should register online for priority access at: www.AbilitiesExpo.com.

Action: Any CAC members who attend the Abilities Expo will give a report on what they saw and learned at the next CAC meeting.

D. Ideas for Training/Presentation Calendar for FY 2015-16

Trainings and presentations have been scheduled for all of the remaining CAC meetings this fiscal year – except for June 2016.

Action: Jose Rodriguez will talk with someone about providing information for LA Care classes for the public and the June 2016 CAC meeting.

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

Copies of the agenda for the next board meeting were provided to everyone present and Jennifer reviewed it with them. The board meetings are open to the public and you are more than welcome to attend as a guest. The next board meeting will be held in the 1st floor conference room of the center's Van Nuys office, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10th. We hope you can join us at that meeting or at a future board meeting!

6. **Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting**

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

- A. Minutes from February 2nd Meeting
- B. Updated Committee Event Calendar

7. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. CAC Attendance Sheet

The CAC attendance sheet is updated each month and included in the meeting packet. CAC members must not miss more than 2 meetings in a row or 4 meetings in a 12-month period, otherwise they must resign from the committee.

- B. Next CAC Meeting: Tuesday, March 1st, at 2:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Hillary adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

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