

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2016

Present: Debra Newman, and Lou Paparozzi – Committee Members
Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, Kim Rolfes, and George Stevens – Staff Members

Absent: Dan Becerra, Dorothy Daniels, and Jenean Glover

I. Call to Order

Lou Paparozzi, president, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

II. Public Input -- There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

- A. Approval of Revised Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes from January 27th Meeting

The agenda and minutes could not be approved as a majority of committee members wasn't present.

IV. Committee Business

- A. Discussion: DDS Overview of the FY 2016-17 State Budget

Copies of the overview were provided at this month's board meeting and were also provided at this meeting for further discussion. George stated that the Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax will probably pass on Monday, which would bring about \$418 million into our system for rate increases in multiple areas. The MCO tax will provide a good transfusion for our system, but we are still "bleeding." How do we want to incorporate this into the message for our upcoming legislative visits? The following suggestions were made:

1. We still need to reform the rate system for service providers so they have a sustainable future.
2. Hold a "thank you" breakfast for legislators and the LA County Board of Supervisors on April 8th, in lieu of the legislative breakfast.

Action: George will run these ideas by service providers at next month's Vendor Advisory Committee meeting.

B. Discussion: Board Presentation on the National Core Indicators (NCI) Project

At the last board meeting, Craig Girard spoke about the presentation that Diane Ambrose gave to the Strategic Planning Committee about the NCI project; Craig would like the full board to hear the presentation before the end of this fiscal year.

Action: The Executive Committee will recommend to the board that the 20-minute presentation on the NCI project be given at the April 13th board meeting.

C. NLACRC's Self-Determination Volunteer Advisory Committee

Just prior to this month's board meeting, George, Lou, and Debra met with the center's self-determination advisory committee chair, Richard Dier, who had a difference of opinion on how the committee interfaces with the board. George stated that the board selected Debra Newman to be their representative on that committee and depend upon her to be their connection with the committee. Debra provides updates on the committee's activities at both the monthly Consumer Services Committee meetings and the monthly board meetings. George took this back to the Consumer Services Committee last week and they collectively agreed that Debra is doing a good job of keeping them current on the activities of the center's self-determination committee and they continued to support the current reporting structure with Debra being their connection with that committee.

Action: Any future requests coming from the Self-Determination Advisory Committee should be put in writing and presented to the Executive Committee.

D. Recommendations from the Government & Community Relations Committee

1. Take Action to Support AB 1715 (Holden): AB 1714 is essentially the same bill as SB 479 which the board voted to support last year. The committee would like the Executive Committee to sign a letter of support to Assembly Member Holden. Draft copies of the support letter were provided.

Action: Lou Paparozzi signed the letter to Assembly Member Hold supporting his bill AB 1715.

2. Take Action to Support Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax: Information on the MCO tax was provided to the committee. The committee is recommending that the Executive Committee take a support position on the MCO tax, on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Action: The committee took a support position on the MCO tax, on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

E. FY 2015-16 Board Budget vs Expenses

The center has currently spent \$24,954.18 of its \$87,750.00 budget for this fiscal year.

F. Select Location for the June 25th Board Dinner

At last month's Executive Committee meeting, Jennifer was asked to look into 3 different locations for the annual board dinner: 1) Angeles National Golf Club; 2) the Valencia Hyatt; and 3) Robinson Ranch. Jennifer reported that the Angeles National Golf Club was already booked that evening and Robinson Ranch had very high expense thresholds that the center's board dinner would not meet. However, the Valencia Hyatt is available and would be happy to host our event.

Action: Jennifer will make arrangements for the board dinner to be held at the Valencia Hyatt on June 25th.

G. Finalize Agenda for the March 9th Board Meeting (Van Nuys)

The committee finalized the agenda for next month's board meeting.

V. Center Operations

- A. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA): President Barack Obama signed the WIOA into law in July 2014. The WIOA helps job seekers succeed in the labor market by providing access to employment, education, training, and support services while matching employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. In addition, the enactment of WIOA provides a new opportunity to ensure that America's Job Center of California locations

remain effective and job-driven - responding to the needs of employers and preparing workers for jobs, now and in the future. The WIOA draft Implementation Plan includes the estimated implementation timeline, which is used by the Department of Labor and California. George reported that the implementation of this Act will have a big impact on the way we provide services. The center will be working in coordination with New Horizons to get this information out to our community.

- B. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Final Rule: Will go into effect in California in March 2019. We don't believe that the state will be providing the regional centers with direction any time soon. As such, the southern California regional center directors have taken the lead to prepare our centers for its implementation. We began the process by holding a joint meeting with our Vendor Advisory Committee chairs and directors of community services earlier this month. We will now begin to develop self-assessments for our service providers to help them understand what they will need to change in order to come into compliance.
- C. Recruitment: The center will be hiring more accounting staff to handle the paid sick leave, 5.82% increase to comply with changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act, and the ongoing minimum wage increases, which are very labor intensive to process.
- D. Consumer Housing Shortage: George has had ongoing discussions with management staff about how the center can address the housing shortage. We have a number of providers that would like to close their traditional residential programs and instead, rent the rooms to consumers who could then be provided with support living services (SLS). George and his management team have agreed that the housing element needs to be separated from the provision of SLS. But a question still remains about the lack of choice for the consumer as the provider would still own the home. More to come.

VI. Announcements / Information Items

- A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 30th

VII. Adjournment

Lou adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted by,

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