

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Housing Committee Meeting Minutes**  
February 8, 2016

**Present:** Richard Dier, Elizabeth Lyons, Debra Newman, Kim Rolfes, George Stevens, and Todd Withers – Committee Members  
Dana Andrews - Guest  
Maria Bosch and Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Members

**Absent:** Yolanda Bosch and Jonathan Istrin

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**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

Todd Withers, chair, called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m. Introductions were made.

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

**III. Consent Items**

A. Approval of Agenda

**M/S/C** (G. Stevens/D. Newman) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**M/S/C** (E. Lyons/D. Newman) To approve the minutes as presented.

**IV. Committee Business**

A. Update on Community Placement Plan (CPP) Activities

A written report was provided and Maria reviewed it with the committee.

1. FY 2013-14 Projects: There are 4 projects – all for adult specialized residential facilities (SRFs) for 4 non-ambulatory residents each. Three are ready to be licensed and the fourth is awaiting approval of building permits by the city.

2. FY 2014-15 Projects: There are 3 projects. The first was a SRF for 4 non-ambulatory adolescent residents, but the project was discontinued due to the inadequate median rate structure. The remaining 2 projects

are for SRFs for non-ambulatory adult residents; potential properties are being sought in the Antelope and Santa Clarita Valleys.

3. FY 2015-16 Projects: There are 3 projects. All for SRFs for non-ambulatory adult residents in the San Fernando Valley. The requests for proposals (RFPs) will be awarded in early April.

Liz asked Maria why these 3 facilities are being built in the San Fernando Valley when consumers living in the Antelope Valley are so desperate for housing. Maria responded that these facilities are being built for consumers moving out of the developmental centers or who are being deflected from moving into one. These are consumers with complex needs and there aren't adequate services in the Antelope Valley to support them.

#### B. Update on Housing Legislation

1. Assembly Bill 54 (Olsen): This bill pertains to disability access and construction-related accessibility claims and would require information about a demand letter and the complaint be submitted to California Commission on Disability Access.
2. "No Place Like Home" Initiative: A bipartisan coalition of members from the California senate introduced this initiative at a press conference early last month. The initiative would provide over \$2 billion to tackle homelessness. This initiative is getting wide-range legislative support.

#### C. Update on Housing Developments

There were no additional reports on housing developments other than those reported in the CPP activities report above.

### V. **Board Meeting Agenda Items**

The committee identified the following item for their section of the February 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of February 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting

### VI. **Announcements / Information / Public Input**

- A. Richard asked George if the center's service providers have been asking the center about the pending implementation of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS) rules. George reported that the Southern CA regional center directors, along with their Vendor Advisory Committee chairs and directors of community services, will be meeting this Thursday morning to discuss how they can best work together to implement the new rules. George added that the proposed state budget for next fiscal year includes \$15 million for regional centers to implement the program and additional funds so each regional center can hire a CMS staff person. To date, the centers have gotten no direction on the implementation from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Richard also asked if group homes had their own advocacy organization that could help them with the process. George reported that there are many chapters of the Society of Community Care Operators, but they are not too active in our catchment area. However, George reported that the regional center has initiated holding quarterly partnership group meetings with our residential providers in the Antelope Valley.
- B. Next Quarterly Meeting: Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m.

## VII. Adjournment

Todd adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

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