

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2016

Present: Adelina Castellanos, Michelle Heid, Erika Hernandez, Shant Kotchounian, Meagan Miller, Caroline Mitchell, Debra Newman, Curtis Wang, and Tamar Witmer – Committee Members
Maria Bosch, Joan Daniels, Ruth Janka, Jennifer Kaiser, and Michele Marra – Staff Members

Absent: Jessica Gould and Oscar Mejia

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Caroline Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., in Jessica Gould's absence. Introductions followed.

II. Public Input – There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (T. Witmer/D. Newman) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of August 17th Meeting

M/S/C (T. Witmer/C. Wang) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Self-Determination Program Update (Debra and Ruth)

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is still working with the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to prepare the waiver for federal funding, but have not formally re-submitted it as yet. DDS is also in the process of finalizing its regional center training materials, but a release date is not known. Evelyn Chamorro, the center's self-determination specialist continues to provide outreach to the community so they are aware of the program and to generate interest. Also, the center's Self-Determination Volunteer Advisory Committee (SDVAC) continues to meet on a monthly basis and learn as much as they can. The committee generally meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at

7:00 p.m. and meets at the various NLACRC offices. These are open meetings and members of the public are welcome to attend. The next SDVAC meeting will be held Thursday, October 20th, at the Antelope Valley office.

B. Monthly Community Placement Plan (CPP) Report

Copies of the August CPP Report were provided and Maria Bosch briefly reviewed it with the committee. Maria reported that there are no changes since last month's report. The center's goal for this fiscal year is to move 10 consumers out of Fairview Developmental Center and into the community and so far we have moved 2 of the 10. We have a third consumer scheduled to move today, but that will be in the September report. In addition, 3 more consumers are scheduled to be moved in October. The Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the center's FY 2016-17 CPP projects will be presented at the October 6th VAC meeting and will then be sent out via e-mail blast and posted on the center's website. Proposals in response to the RFPs are due in January and interviews with applicants will be held in March.

C. Board Audit: Are the service standards consistent with the center's mission and philosophy? Yes.

After answering this question, Ruth elaborated. The center currently has 11 service standards:

1. Case Finding & Public Information
2. Prenatal/Genetics/At Risk
3. Individual Program Plan (IPP) Development
4. Family Supports & Living Arrangements
5. Education & Vocational Services
6. Clinical Services
7. Legal Services
8. Transportation Services
9. Social/Recreation Activities
10. Fair Hearing Process
11. Early Start Program

These standards are based in law and regulation and provide an outline of what services the center can provide. Any changes to the service standards are first brought to this committee for review and input, before being presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. Once the board approves changes to a service

standard, it must then be sent to DDS for their review and approval prior to implementation. The current service standards were approved by the board on November 10, 2015 and were approved by DDS on March 8, 2016.

V. Board Meeting Agenda Items

The following items were identified for the committee's section of the October 13th board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of the September 21st Meeting
- B. Self-Determination Program Update

VI. Announcements / Information Items / Public Input

- A. Complete Meeting Evaluations

Caroline asked the committee members to please complete meeting evaluations after the meeting and submit them to her with any comments.

- B. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 19th, at 6:00 p.m. (Oakdale Office)

VII. Adjournment

Caroline adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

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