

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2016

- Present:** Jun Antonio, Yolanda Bosch, Cindy Chiu, Sara Iwahashi, Elizabeth Lyons, Bridget Moss, William Rayber, Kim Rolfes, Cynthia Sewell, George Stevens, and Jeremy Sunderland – Committee Members
Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Member
- Absent:** Diane Ambrose, Richard Dier, Daniel Garcia, Marcia Leija, and Michele Marra
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I. Call to Order & Introductions

George Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

II. Public Input

- A. Cindy Chiu, executive director of the local State Council office, provide information about the following State Council events:
1. Thursday, August 18th (9:00 am to 1:00 pm): “IEP Meetings: How they work and how to get what you need” to be held at Eastern LA Regional Center.
 2. Saturday, August 20th (9:30 am to 5:00 pm): “Self-Determination Facilitators Training” to be held at South Central LA Regional Center.
 3. Various Dates from September through November: The State Council will be holding a variety of educational sessions called “Get Educated” on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. To be held at the State Council’s Glendale office.
- B. Cindy also announced that the State Council is currently developing their 5-year plan.
- C. Cynthia Sewell, executive director of New Horizons, announced that her agency is providing consultation to the development of the “Born This Way” docu-series on the A&E channel.

III. Consent Items

- A. Approval of Agenda

Several items were added to the agenda under Section IV. Committee Business.

M/S/C (W. Rayber/E. Lyons) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of May 2nd Meeting

M/S/C (W. Rayber/E. Lyons) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Election of Committee Chair

M/S/C (J. Sunderland/B. Moss) To elect William Rayber to serve as chair of the SPC this fiscal year.

Once William was elected chair, he asked each person present to introduce themselves to the committee, which they did.

B. Annual Orientation: Review Policies and Procedures

Copies of the committee's policies and procedures were provided and reviewed. The purpose of this committee is to "identify gaps in the service delivery system and recommend alternatives to close those gaps." A couple of changes to the policies and procedures were recommended:

1. The reference to "Area Board 10" should be changed to "State Council."
2. The reference to "expenditure plans" should be deleted as those plans no longer exist.
3. The addition of "housing" as one of the focus areas for the SPC as it has taken that subject on now that the Housing Committee no longer exists.

M/S/C (J. Sunderland/B. Moss) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to approve the changes to the SPC policies and procedures, a presented.

C. FY 2016-17 Meeting Schedule

Copies of the meeting schedule for this fiscal year were provided. The SPC is scheduled to meet on the following dates:

1. Monday, August 1, 2016
2. Monday, November 7, 2016
3. Monday, February 6, 2017
4. Monday, May 1, 2017

D. Committee's FY 2015-16 Action Log

Copies of the action log were provided. The action log lists all of the formal actions that were taken by the committee during the previous fiscal year. It is provided to help new committee members understand the types of decisions that were made by the committee members before them.

E. AB 1606: The Development of a Disparity Plan

AB 1606 contains trailer bill language that will affect the regional centers. One of the sections of that bill requires regional centers to consult with stakeholders to discuss activities that may be effective in addressing disparities in the provision of regional center services. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has just released its guidelines for how the process should work. (Please continue to section IV.J. below.)

F. Update on Performance Contracts

Sara provided the committee with copies of the center's 2016 performance contract and a sheet listing local employment measures. After reviewing the employment measures, the committee agreed that they would like to include them in the center's 2017 performance contract. Cynthia Sewell stated that she would like to see more support services included, specifically transitional services, to bridge the gap the time between consumers who want competitive employment and actually becoming gainfully employed. Cindy Chiu added that she felt the Department of Rehabilitation should be a key component in this plan.

Action: Sara will review the center's Employment First policy to make sure it is current.

1. 2017 Performance Contract Guidelines: Each year, DDS provides the regional centers with performance contract guidelines. Copies of the guidelines were provided to the committee. DDS strongly recommends that regional centers include employment measures in their 2017 performance contracts.
2. Semi-Annual Performance Data: DDS provided the center with its final semi-annual performance data. Copies of the full data were provided and highlights are below.

	Performance Contract Area	Statewide Average	NLACRC
1	Number and percent of total population with active status who are in developmental centers.	0.33%	0.17%
2	Children residing with families.	99.22%	99.48%
3	Adults residing in home settings.	78.47%	81.21%
4	Adults residing in adult foster home agencies.	0.97%	0.54%
5	Adults residing in an independent living setting.	11.15%	12.39%
6	Adults residing in the home of a parent or guardian.	60.83%	64.82%
7	Adults residing in a supported living setting.	5.52%	3.47%
8	Children residing in facilities with 7 or more beds.	0.05%	0.00%
9	Adults residing in facilities with 7 or more beds.	2.72%	2.77%

NLACRC did better than the statewide average in every category, except the 9th one. Sara explained that the statewide average in this category dropped from 2.85% to 2.72%. This center’s full data has been posted on our website.

Kim asked if the home in question was licensed for 7 or more adults or if the center actually had 7 or more adults living in the home.

Action: Sara will find out the state us of the adult home with 7 or more beds and report back at the next quarterly SPC meeting.

G. Update on NLACRC Programs that have Closed

Copies of the report were provided and reviewed. The majority of the program closures were due to the non-submission of the required DS 1891 forms, providers who formally closed as they were no longer providing services, and closures due to financial/rate issues. However, Yolanda is hopeful that the new increases for providers, through the ABX2-1 funding, may help to get new people interested in providing services.

Fiscal Year	Program Closures	Consumers Impacted
2015-16	98	139
2014-15	25	78
2013-14	15	112
2012-13	12	77
2011-12	23	1,096
2010-11	4	47
2009-10	6	133
2008-09	8	138
Total:	191	1,820

H. Update on the Self-Determination Program

DDS had reported that it would post the revised federal waiver for the self-determination program on their website, but it hasn't been posted as yet. The revised waiver must be posted for 30 days before DDS can submit it to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to receive federal funding for the program. Once CMS receives the waiver, they have 90 days to respond to it. With these timeframes, the soonest we will see self-determination begin to be implemented would be sometime early next year. In the interim, we are training our staff, holding community trainings, and gathering names of consumers interested in participate in the first 176 slots. Evelyn Chamorro, the center's new self-determination specialist, has been doing a great job of reaching out to the community and generating interest in the program.

I. Identify Priorities for FY 2016-17

The committee reviewed their priorities from last fiscal year. After discussion, the committee decided they would like to keep their same 4 priorities from last fiscal year and add a 5th priority to respond to the need for affordable housing for our consumers. There was also a suggestion that the committee includes the oversight of the CMS final rule implementation, but George reported that board committee (the Vendor Advisory Committee) already has that as one of their priority issues.

M/S/C (E. Lyons/B. Moss) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to approve the SPC's priorities for this fiscal year, with the addition of a 5th priority.

J. ABX2-1 Equity/Disparity Funding

DDS was given an \$11 million allocation (ABX2-1 funds) to assist regional centers in implementing strategies to reduce purchase of service disparities and DDS is seeking proposals from the centers to utilize this funding. The proposals are due back to DDS within 45 days, which is a very short turnaround time. However, George has some ideas already in mind, including using CSUN students to do outreach and education. With such a short time to get stakeholder input, George recommended that the disparity stakeholder meetings be joined with the performance contract community meetings. The committee agreed.

M/S/C (E. Lyons/C. Sewell) To recommend to the Board of Trustees to join the disparity stakeholder meetings with the performance contract community meetings.

DDS will also be holding public meetings statewide to discuss the reduction of purchase of service disparities. The meeting for our area will be held on Friday, August 26th, from 9:00 am to noon, at South Central LA Regional Center. George will be sending staff to that meeting.

K. ARCA Housing Survey Results

The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) conducted a housing survey amongst the 21 regional centers and the Southern California Integrated Health & Living Project. The results have been released in a 60-page report that includes some really good data. A copy of the survey report was circulated amongst the committee members.

Action: Jennifer will e-mail the ARCA housing survey report to the committee for the review and information.

V. Board Meeting Agenda Items

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

- A. Minutes of the August 1st Meeting
- B. Approval of Committee Priorities for FY 2016-17
- C. Approval of Changes to SPC Policies and Procedures
- D. Recommendation to Join Disparity Meetings with Performance Contract Meetings

VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. Next Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. It was noted that the center will be in its new location by then at 9200 Oakdale in Chatsworth.

VII. Adjournment

William adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jennifer Kaiser

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