

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2016

Present: Roschell Ashley, Daniel Garcia, Sara Iwahashi, Marcia Leija, Michele Marra, William Rayber, Kim Rolfes, George Stevens, and Jeremy Sunderland – Committee Members
Wayne Tashjian – VAC Representative
Julie Ebys-McKenzie and Mindy Owen - Guests
Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Member

Absent: Diane Ambrose, Yolanda Bosch, Cindy Chiu, Richard Dier, and Elizabeth Lyons

I. Call to Order & Introductions

William Rayber called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Introductions were made. Roschell Ashley was welcomed as a new member of the SPC; Cynthia Sewell is retiring from her position as executive director of New Horizons and Roschell was appointed to take her place on this committee.

II. Public Input

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Items IV.E. and IV.F. were added to the agenda.

M/S/C (J. Sunderland/G. Stevens) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of August 1, 2016 Meeting

M/S/C (G. Stevens/D. Garcia) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Approved SPC Priorities for FY 2016-17

George provided updates on each of the committee's priorities for this fiscal year:

1. Employment

- Get a general understanding of The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. The state budget includes \$15 million to enable the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to fund changes that will be necessary for providers to make in order to come into compliance with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) rules by March 2019. Service providers can apply for the funds through the regional centers and all submitted proposals will be forwarded by the regional centers to DDS. DDS's guidelines ask that regional centers make recommendations for funding based on local priorities, although final approval will be made by DDS. A subcommittee of service providers was established to identify NLACRC's priorities, which are proposals that will lead to: 1) integrated employment, 2) integrating employment in IPP goals, 3) and demonstrating consumer choice and preferences.
- Track legislation: public policy needs to be changed to enable regional centers to provide services to adults 18-22 years of age. The legislature is currently in recess.

2. Self-Determination

- Provide creative opportunities to our consumers. The center's Self-Determination Advisory Group continues to meet on a monthly basis. NLACRC was selected as one of the regional centers to help test the software for the program. DDS is still working with CMS to prepare the waiver for federal funding, but has not formally re-submitted the waiver as yet. DDS is reportedly working to resolve the remaining 35 of the original 180 issues that CMS had with the waiver application and it looks as though the best case scenario for resubmission of the waiver application will be late spring/early summer. CMS will then have 90 days to review the waiver.

3. Sustainability of the System

ABX2-1 included the development of a sustainable rate structure by the legislature by March 2019. So we need to continue to communicate with legislators on the rate issues and their effect on resource development.

4. National Core Indicators

- Become educated on the basics of the NCI project. Last week, the center received the family study.

Action: Diane Ambrose will give a presentation on the family study at the next quarterly SPC meeting.

5. Housing

- Respond to the need for affordable and accessible housing for our consumers. Dr. Ron Cohen, president and CEO of United Cerebral Palsy, Los Angeles, has offered to work with the Southern California regional center directors to develop affordable and accessible housing for consumers. The Southern California regional center directors group is meeting on November 17th and will discuss his proposal.

B. Board Approval of 2017 Performance Contract

The board approved the center’s proposed 2017 performance contract, as presented, and it was submitted to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) by the November 1st deadline. As soon as we receive DDS’s approval, we will post the 2017 performance contract on the center’s website.

C. Update on NLACRC Programs that have Closed

Copies of the quarterly program closure report were provided to the committee and reviewed. Following is a summary of the program closures by fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Program Closures	Consumers Impacted
2016-17	6	149
2015-16	99	356
2014-15	28	90
2013-14	15	112
2012-13	12	95
2011-12	23	1,118
2010-11	4	47
2009-10	7	133
2008-09	9	138
Total:	203	2,238

Staff reported that the center is especially in need of Early Start services in the Antelope Valley that include physical, occupational, and speech therapy. Kim added that the center will continue to track and share the program closure information with our legislators until the rate issues are formally addressed. A list of all of the center's current service providers are listed on the center's website.

D. Update on the Self-Determination Program

(This agenda item was addressed in Section IV.A. above.)

E. ARCA's Strategic Plan

Copies of the Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA's) Strategic Plan and Strategic Plan Priorities were provided to the SPC for their information. George wanted the SPC to have this information so they could see what's going on at the state level with the 21 regional centers.

Action: SPC members will review this information and be prepared to bring any suggestions to the next quarterly SPC meeting on any related activities that the committee could take on locally.

F. NLACRC's Employment First Policy

At the last quarterly SPC meeting, the committee asked that the center's Employment First policy be reviewed to see if it needed to be updated in any way. As the Vendor Advisory Committee wrote that policy, they were asked to suggest any needed changes. The VAC suggested no changes to the policy itself, but did suggest that everyone begin to implement the policy.

V. Board Meeting Agenda Items

The following items were identified for the committee's section of the November 9th board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of the November 7th Meeting
- B. Quarterly Program Closure Report

VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. Next Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

William adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

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