

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Via Zoom)**  
November 6, 2024

**Present:** Juan Hernandez, Bill Abramson, Pam Aiona, Jennifer Koster, – **Committee Members**

Jacqueline Gaytan – DDS, Lety Garcia, Alex Phuong, Liz Lyons, Karla Reyes, Andrew Garcia, Elena Tiffany, Noa Goldfill - **Guests**

Angela Pau-Johnson, Santos Rodriguez, Jose Rodriguez, Kimberly Visokey, Arezo Abedi – **Staff**

**Absent:** George Alvarado, Destry Walker

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**1. Call to Order & Introductions**

- A. After technical issues were resolved, Juan Hernandez called the meeting to order at 3:47 pm

**2. Agenda**

**3. Consent Items**

- A. Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2024 Meeting

**M/S/C** (Bill Abramson / Pam Aiona) To approve the October 2, 2024 minutes as presented.

**4. Committee Business**

- A. CAC Chair Report – Juan Hernandez - **Deferred**

- B. Employment Specialist Presentation – Kai Brennan

Kai Brennan, NLACRC Employment Services Specialist, provided updates on the employment services offered by the regional center. These include paid internship programs, day programs for building social skills, tailored day services, and support employment. A new service, Coordinate Career Pathways, was introduced, which includes a career pathway navigator and a customized employment specialist. This service is currently in pilot phase and is only available to those exiting a work activity program, minimum wage setting, or within two years of exiting secondary education. NLACRC also clarified that individuals should first consult with their service coordinator before seeking services from the Department of Rehabilitation.

C. Day Program Outreach Meeting Report – Juan Hernandez

Juan led a discussion on the need to focus on day programs and to understand their schedules and activities. The timing of a this meeting was also discussed, with the possibility that it was interfering with the schedules of participants, particularly those in a day program. The meeting was initially scheduled from 1 to 3 PM, but it was suggested that it should be moved to 11 AM to 1 PM to accommodate more participants.

D. VAC Meeting – Juan Hernandez

Juan informed the Committee that he would be attending the next Vendor Advisory Committee meeting to make a public announcement encouraging members of that committee to attend this committees meeting to strengthen the VAC and CAC partnerships.

E. CAC Training Calendar – Jose Rodriguez

The committee discussed the upcoming training calendar.

F. Consumer Advisory Committee Flyer Update – Jose Rodriguez

Jose reviewed the Committee Flyer, as presented in the packet

5. **Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting**

There were no items identified to go to the Board.

6. **Announcements/Information/Public Input**

A. Next meeting February 5, 2025

The committee discussed the meeting in February and would like it to be Hybrid, if the technical issues can be resolved. They also agreed to an informal Holiday Potluck on December 4, 2024.

B. Attendance sheet

7. **Adjournment**

Juan Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 4:37 pm.

Submitted by:

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*(\*) The majority of these minutes are taken from the Minutes Service submission and reviewed/edited as presented herein by NLACRC staff.*

