

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Via Zoom)
November 2, 2022

Present: Pamela Aiona, Jennifer Koster, Bill Abramson, and Suzanne Paggi – Committee Members

Michelle Heid, Jessica Gould, Ana Quiles, Destry Walker, Alex, Elena Tiffany, Cynthia Samano, Patrick Schattilly, Gladis Espino-R, Hillary Kessler, Desiree Boykin, Tina Wright, Lillian Martinez, Tami Barmache, Madeline McCormick, Shawn Hunter, Maria Hernandez, Nancy Gallardo-Interpreter - Guests

Jose Rodriguez, Lizeth Chavez, Dr. Michael Fernandez, Nancy Salyers, Juan H., Maddy Gonzalez, Fred Rockwood, and Cesar Cuevas – Staff

Absent: Lesly Forbes

I. Call to Order & Introductions

J.Koster called meeting to order at 3:05 pm and introductions were made by all committee members, staff, and guests.

II. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (J.Koster/Alex) To approve the Agenda

B. Approval of Minutes from September Meeting

M/S/C (J.Koster/D.Walker) To approve the Minutes as presented.

III. Housing Presentation – Jessica Gould

Jessica Gould discussed the housing crisis as it affects the disability community. She covered the historical context of the situation and shared who the current leaders are in the movement today. Among these, an organization called Lanterman Housing Alliance is a collaboration of state officials, developers, stakeholders, and other interested parties working hard to give disability community an equal voice in housing. She explained the kinds of housing models that exist for the community. She then provided resources for the audience to learn further about housing information and answered questions the end of the presentation. Lastly, she shared her email address in case anyone wants to reach out for more information:

jdg.consultation33@gmail.com.

IV. Committee Business

A. Finalize CAC Flyer

Tina Wright demonstrated the fliers that she has worked on for promoting the Consumer Advisory Committee meetings. Everyone provided their input as far as which flier captures the essence of the meetings.

B. Monthly Training/Presentation Update (Page 8)

Jose Rodriguez gave an overview of future meetings and entities that will give presentations during the meetings.

C. Check-in/Holiday Gathering

S.Paggi explained the purpose of this meeting, considering it a time for members to check in with the other members and show support. Lizeth mentioned that this meeting has been approved to occur. The understanding is that this meeting will not be formal nor have an agenda; rather, it is an opportunity to interact and check-in with one another in a casual setting.

M/S/C (S.Paggi/B.Abramson) To rename the meetings for December 2022 and July 2023 “CAC Gathering.”

Action Item: Liz and Jose will send an email to coordinate where the next meeting on December 7, 2022 will take place.

V. Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting

A. Minutes from the November 2, 2022 Meeting

VI. Announcements/Information/Public Input

A. Next meeting: January 4, 2023 at 3:00PM

B. Committee Attendance (Page 9)

Jose Rodriguez will ensure members receive any information related to future meetings via email.

C. Public Input

Dr. Fernandez shared an event called “Virtual Festival” which takes place on November 5th, 2022 and encouraged participants to attend.

VII. Adjournment

J.Koster adjourned the meeting at 4:56 pm.

Submitted by:

Cesar Cuevas

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