

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Via Zoom)
February 1st, 2023

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

Alex, Destry Walker, Miguel Lugo, Juan H., Elizabeth, Desiree Boykin, Azucena Bustillos-Interpreter - Guests

Jose Rodriguez, Nahid Abouzar, Dr. Michael Fernandez, Yaneth Parvool, Robert Dhondrup, Lisseth Carrillo, and Cesar Cuevas – Staff

Absent: Cynthia Somano

I. Call to Order & Introductions

J.Koster called meeting to order at 3:02 pm and introductions were made by all committee members, staff, and guests.

II. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/A (P.Aiona/D.Walker/S.Paggi) To approve the Agenda as presented with 1 abstention from Suzanne Paggi.

B. Approval of Minutes from January 4, 2023 Meeting

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

III. Committee Business

A. CAC Chair Report

J.Rodriguez needs more information on the type of report the CAC would like. S.Paggi suggested consumer business followed by any other committees.

B. ARCA Presentation – *deferred*

J.Rodriguez stated that it's been deferred. He is still in communication with ARCA, trying to secure a time slot. He asked for times that are best for the consumers. Liz Chavez will confirm with the ARCA representative once decided.

- C. CAC Webpage Review – Suzanne Paggi
S.Paggi suggests that there be more information added to NLACRC’s webpage to make it more exciting and shared a draft prompt with participants. Dr. Fernandez welcomes ideas to encourage more adult consumer involvement.
Action item: M.Lugo will send a resource to J.Rodriguez that can convert a written prompt to an appropriate level of language for the intended audience.
- D. Monthly Training/Presentation update
J.Rodriguez reviewed the upcoming calendar meetings and confirmed the presenters for these meetings. M.Lugo suggested that he give a presentation.
- E. 2023 NLACRC Life After High School Fair
J.Rodriguez presented the flyer for “Life After High School,” an event that provides resources to consumers. The event will take place on March 16th, 2023. The vendors for NLACRC, as well as LAUSD, will be present to discuss the services they offer.
- F. Topics for Quarterly Public Presentations
J.Rodriguez is looking for topics that the consumers are interested in that can be promoted to the community. The topics of interest would be different and separate from the existing calendar’s topics. J.Koster suggested transportation and health insurance as two important topics. Elizabeth suggested that counseling be added.

Action item: J.Rodriguez will complete a schedule for quarterly public presentations. Participants should contact Jose to provide ideas.

IV. Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting

- A. Minutes from the February 1st, 2023 Meeting

V. Announcements/Information/Public Input

- A. Next meeting: March 1st, 2023 at 3:00pm
- B. Abilities Expo
J.Rodriguez shared the flyer for this event; it will take place from March 10th to March 12th, 2023.
- C. Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair
This event will take place on February 25th, 2023. There will be many resources available for consumers.

D. Committee Attendance

J.Rodriguez reminded everyone that attendance is tracked.

VI. Adjournment

J.Koster adjourned the meeting at 4:36 pm.

Submitted by:

Cesar Cuevas

Administrative Assistant

