

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

May 4, 2022

**Present:** Caroline Mitchell, Chair, Bill Abramson, Pamela Aiona, Jessica Gould, Suzanne Paggi, Cynthia Samano, and Destry Walker– Committee Members

Amparo Dallas, Elena Tiffany, Jenifer Koster, and Michaela Zorres, and Patricia Canton, Interpreter - Guests

Silvia Bonilla, Liz Chavez, Dr. Michael Fernandez, Presenter, Juan Hernandez, Ana Maria Parthenis-Rivas, and Jose Rodriguez– Staff

**Absent:** Lesly Forbes and Susan Good

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**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

C. Mitchell, Chair, called meeting to order at 11:11 am and introductions were made.

**II. Consent Items**

A. Approval of Agenda  
**M/S/C** (S. Paggi/J. Gould) to approve the agenda as modified changing presenter to Dr. Michael Fernandez.

B. Approval of Minutes April Meeting  
**M/S/C** (S. Paggi/D. Walker) to approve the minutes as presented.

**III. Committee Business**

A. Presentation – Dr. Michael Fernandez, DEIB Supervisor at NLACRC, provided an overview on DEIB and answered questions.  
S. Paggi recommended a video be made for consumers and staff related to DEIB and would like to have CSCs get more credit for the work that they do behind the scenes.

A. Dallas asked that Dr. Fernandez take into consideration consumers who are not able to participate in all the opportunities that may be available for certain consumers, i.e., consumers who have seizures.

B. Training/Presentation Calendar  
Suggestions:

October: Dr. Fernandez on DEIB

September or November: J. Gould on Housing

C. April Virtual Town Hall – The next virtual town hall will be held on May 19, 2022. The topic is How to Prepare for IPP/IFSP Meetings.

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

- A. Minutes from the May 5, 2022 Meeting

**V. Announcements / Information / Public Input**

- A. Next meeting: June 1, 2022
- B. J. Gould's company will be having a 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary virtual bash on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1pm-2pm.

**VI. Adjournment**

- C. Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 12:18 pm.

Submitted by,

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