

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Government & Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023

Present: Cathy Blin, David Coe, Vivian Seda, Jodie Agnew-Navarro, Curtis Wang – Committee Members

Kimberly Visokey, Chris Whitlock, Cristina Preuss, Evelyn McOmie – Staff Members

Michelle Heid – Legucator, Leticia Garcia- Board Member, Ana Quiles- Board President, Jasmine Barrios- Minutes Services - Guests

Absent: Anna Hurst, Nicholas Abrahms, Sharmila Brunjes, Juan Hernandez, Michael Costa

I. Call to Order & Introductions

David Coe called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

II. Public Input

No public input

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (C. Wang/V. Seda) To approve the agenda as presented

B. Approval of Minutes from the August 16th Meeting

M/S/C (C. Wang/J. Koster) To approve the meeting minutes as presented

IV. Committee Business

A. Legislative Update - Michelle Heid

1. Board Advocacy One-Sheet

Michelle shared the information as presented in the packet. She recommended that the document be revised to include the revision of the Core Staffing Formula as a priority for advocacy and will review the document for readability. In addition, Michelle will create a draft email and send the one-sheet to Chris Whitlock to include NLACRC Branding. The Committee will review the draft in December for presentation to the Board at the January meeting.

2. Candidate Forum

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This event is currently planned for October 2024. Considerations were made for a hybrid meeting to encourage attendance. Michelle previously drafted a plan for a hybrid meeting and will share it with the Committee closer to the date.

3. Virtual Town Hall Update

This event is currently planned for February 2024. After discussion, it was decided that Michelle would reach out to the discussed legislators to invite them to participate by December 7th, 2023. The next steps would be for NLACRC to create the Zoom link, a registration link and a point person for registration assistance. Chris Whitlock will create a flyer and send it out to the community by December 14th, 2023, pending flyer approval from NLACRC. It was also determined to have the event begin at 6pm with an end time of 7:30 pm. Topics of the Town Hall will include: Core staffing formula revision, affordable housing, mental health care, and increase to equity and access within NLACRC.

4. Legislative Grass Roots Visit

David Coe shared that he thinks it would be a good idea to consider legislative grassroots visit in February or March 2024 after bills have been introduced. It was decided to plan the event as an in-person event and to plan a virtual event as a backup. Vivian made the recommendation for a hybrid option. Michelle stated that she has some ideas for this that she would like to draft into a plan to share with the Committee. She will send the draft to the Committee in December for review in January.

5. Consumer Legislative Advocacy Training

The Committee decided to plan for this event to be held in April 2024. Michelle proposed that this event be held in-person and to be recorded live to be uploaded to the NLACRC website for viewing online and as a permanent resource. Michelle will find a list that she has that outlines previous venues used in all 3 NLACRC Valleys to consider for this event. It was also suggested that a Q&A session be included.

B. ARCA Legislative Advocacy Plan - Leticia Garcia

Leticia shared that ARCA has identified the core staffing formula revision as a high-budget priority this fiscal year and is planning on building partnerships with other statewide organizations. The next ARCA meeting will be on January 19th, and more information will be forthcoming. Leticia recommended that NLACRC begin to establish relationships with stakeholders in the local areas and continued communication with Senator Menjivar.

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- C. **Board Dinner Workgroup - Ana Quiles**
Ana requested assistance from Michelle Heid in help facilitating invitations for Legislators as a request from the Executive Committee, which is determining the details of the event. After discussion, it was determined that January 24th would be proposed to the Executive Committee as the inaugural meeting date for the Board Dinner Workgroup. Once the Executive Committee has determined a date for the event, the details will be sent to Michelle for further discussion on how NLACRC can include legislators.

- D. **Little Rock Christmas Parade – Ana Quiles**
NLACRC is considering participating in the Littlerock Christmas Parade on December 2nd. If interested in a float, NLACRC will need to register online by November 27th. If NLACRC would like to host a table with resources and other giveaways, they can email Ana with the information.

V. Review of Meeting Action Items

- A. Review Board Advocacy One-Sheet and send the revised document to Chris Whitlock for NLACRC branding. (Michelle Heid)

- B. Review revisions by Michelle, including LA branding on the document and send to Committee for review before presentation to the Board in January 2024. (Chris Whitlock)

- C. Draft invitations to legislators for the candidate forum in February. Invitations are to be sent out by December 7, 2023. (Michelle Heid)

- D. Create a flyer for the February Virtual Town Hall to be approved by NLACRC and sent out to the community by December 14, 2023. (Chris Whitlock)

- E. To revise the topics for the Virtual Town Hall to include the revision of the Core Staffing Formula (Michelle Heid)

- F. Draft a plan for a Legislative Grassroots Visit to take place in late February/early March. Draft should be sent to the Committee in December via email for review and will be discussed at the January meeting. (Michelle Heid)

- G. Locate a document pertaining to a list of previous host venues used in each of the three Valleys. (Michelle Heid)

- H. Send Board Dinner information to Michelle Heid, once confirmed, to help facilitate invitations for legislators. (Board Support)

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I. Propose January 24th to the Executive Committee as a potential date for the inaugural Board Dinner Workgroup Meeting (Board Support)

J. Discuss the Littlerock Christmas Parade with NLACRC staff to determine the bandwidth for NLACRC participation; if you decide to sign up for a float, register online by November 27. If signing up for a table, discuss it with Ana Quiles. (Cristina Preuss)

VI. Board Meeting Agenda Items

A. Minutes of the November 16th Meeting

IX. Announcements / Information / Public Input

A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 6pm

B. Committee Attendance

Public Input

None

X. Adjournment

David Coe adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Submitted by:

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Executive Administrative Assistant

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

