

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Via Zoom)
September 1, 2021

Present: Pam Aiona, Bill Abramson, Cynthia Samano, and Destry Walker – Committee Members
Michelle Heid - Presenter
Ruth Janka, Executive Director and Leticia Garcia, Board President - Guests

Silvia Bonilla, Juan Hernandez, Sara Iwahashi, Jose Rodriguez, Jennifer Williamson, and Ana Maria Parthenis-Rivas – Staff

Absent: Caroline Mitchell, Chair; Nicholas Abrahms, Vice Chair, Lesly Forbes, Suzanne Paggi

I. Call to Order & Introductions

In the absence of the chair and vice-chair, Pamela Aiona called the meeting to order at 11:15 am and introductions were made.

II. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

R. Janka requested modification of agenda to add the following topic:

i. Start time of the committee meeting:

1. Chair has asked that the committee consider holding the meeting at a later time. Note: Vice-Chair has a standing conflict as well as he works until late in the day.

▪ C. Samano and P. Aiona suggested that the meeting time remain as scheduled.

M/S/C (C. Samano/D. Walker) to approve agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes from the August 4th Meeting

M/S/C (D. Walker/B. Abrahms) to approve the August 4th meeting minutes as presented.

III. Committee Business

A. Presentation: Voter Registration

M. Heid provided an overview of a PowerPoint presentation and provided several links in the Chat related to voting information.

B. Policy and Procedures

i. Nominations CAC

ii. Removal from CAC

S. Iwahashi provided a review of the updated committee policies and provided clarification regarding changes from the previous version.

The process of becoming a board member and CAC Chair/Co-Chair was discussed. Recommendation: L. Garcia and R. Janka recommended that Board Application Review be added to the October meeting Agenda.

Action: A. Parthenis-Rivas to provide J. Rodriguez with a committee attendance report for the past 12 months.

C. Board application in large print.

Committee members approved the large print application that was presented by S. Iwahashi.

D. DDS Wellness and Health Bulletin

- i. Recognizing Abuse and Neglect
- ii. Reporting Abuse and Neglect
- iii. COVID-19 Variants and Vaccinations

S. Iwahashi provided an overview of the DDS Wellness and Health Bulletin

E. Training Presentation and Calendar

Action: J. Rodriguez to add Board Application and Board Packet to the October meeting agenda and training calendar with L. Garcia and J. Rodriguez as presenters.

IV. Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting

The CAC identified the following items for their section of the August 11th board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes from the September 1, 2021 Meeting

V. Announcement / Information / Public Input

- A. Next Meeting: October 6, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

- B. Public Input

D. Walker shared that he took a survey from the State regarding making voting day a holiday.

VI. Adjournment

- P. Aiona adjourned the meeting at 12:40 pm.

Submitted by,

First Name, Last Name
Executive Assistant

