

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Via Zoom)
September 4, 2024

Present: Bill Abramson, Juan Hernandez, Jennifer Koster, Destry Walker, –
Committee Members

Mark Wolfe – DDS Tech Advisor, Erica Rodriguez, Erica Rodriguez-DRC-
OCRA - **Guests**

Evelyn McOmie, Santos Rodriguez, Kimberly Visokey – **Staff**

Absent: George Alvarado, Pam Aiona

1. Call to Order & Introductions

A. Juan Hernandez called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm

2. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes from August 7, 2024 Meeting

M/S/C Jennifer Koster / Bill Abramson

To approve the June 6, 2024 minutes as presented.

3. Committee Business

A. Voter Rights Presentation – Erica Rodriguez

Erica discussed the voting rights of people with disabilities, emphasizing their equal right to vote and the accessibility requirements for polling places. She also explained the concept of political parties, the eligibility criteria for voting in California, and the importance of understanding the candidates' positions. Erica highlighted that all registered voters in California will receive a vote-by-mail ballot and encouraged everyone to get out and vote, and to help others learn how to vote.

Erica explained the various methods of voting, including in-person, by mail, and through a voting computer, and clarified that individuals can choose their preferred method and location. She also addressed questions about voter identification requirements in California, stating that showing identification is only necessary for first-time voters who registered by mail and did not provide their driver's license or social security number on their registration form. Destry shared his experience of using a card to verify his identity at a polling place. Erica further clarified that voters can request assistance or review their choices before submitting ballots, and offered to share voting resources.

B. CAC Chair Report – Deferred

C. Meeting Priorities – Juan Hernancez

The committee discussed goals such as promoting employment for people with disabilities, attending transportation meetings, and sharing consumer information. They agreed to educate consumers about the committee to increase involvement. Proposed strategies included attending public meetings, presenting at monthly meetings, and inviting peers to events. Other than updating the document with the current FY date, no changes were made.

M/S/C (Juan Hernancez / Destry Walker) To approve the Meeting Priorities as updated.

D. In-Person Meeting Update – Juan Hernancez

The possibility of resuming in-person meetings and having hybrid meetings was discussed, considering technical issues encountered previously. The team agreed to consider factors like room availability, technology, bylaws requiring hybrid options for in-person meetings, and transportation issues when deciding on future meeting formats.

Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting

A. CAC Meeting in Sacramento

V. Announcements/Information/Public Input

A. Flyers Attached

- a. Consumer Advisory Committee Flyer
- b. Community Learning Forums
- c. Self-Advocacy Academy Calendar

B. Next meeting October 2, 2024

C. Attendance sheet

VI. Adjournment

Juan Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 4:20 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.*

