

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2015

Present: Annie Cox, Diane Ambrose, Charles Devlin, Craig Girard, Jessica Gould, Sara Iwahashi, Michele Marra, Roberta Newton, William Rayber, and Cynthia Sewell – Committee Members
Ellen Jannol - Guest
Erica Beall and Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Members

Absent: Yolanda Bosch, Duane Joslin, Kim Rolfes, and George Stevens

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by William Rayber, chair, at 6:00 p.m. Introductions were made.

II. Public Input

Jennifer made an announcement regarding the building's parking area. The building owner now wants to collect parking fees at night. As such, the gates will not be open and people will need to use the kiosk that has been installed in the lobby to either pay for or get their parking validated. Strategic Planning Committee members can always get validation cards from Jennifer. Insert your parking card into the kiosk followed by your validation card; after this is done, an exit ticket will print for you.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Item IV.F. was added to the agenda.

M/S/C (C. Girard/J. Gould) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of February 2nd Meeting

M/S/C (R. Newton/A. Cox) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Performance Contract Update

Sara explained that the center has the option to add the following potential local measures to its 2016 performance contract:

Employment Development Department Measures:

1. Number and percentage of consumers, ages 16-64, with earned income.
2. Average annual wages for consumers ages 16-64.
3. Annual earnings of consumers ages 16-64 compared to people with all disabilities in California.

National Core Indicators Measures

4. Percentage of adults who reported having a paid job in a community-based setting (e.g. competitive or supported employment, enclave, work crew).
5. Percentage of adults who reported having integrated employment as a goal in their Individual Program Plan (IPP).
6. Percentage of adults without a job in the community who reported wanting one.

Sara will provide more information about these additional measures to the Strategic Planning Committee once we receive it.

Action: Sara will find out if we would be able to compare our numbers with other regional centers if we took on these additional measures.

Diane announced that the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) is conducting a survey on consumer employment among the 21 regional centers and NLACRC sent its completed survey to ARCA this morning.

Action: NLACRC's survey response and the outcome of ARCA's consumer employment survey will be shared at the next Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

M/S/C (R. Newton/C. Girard) If additional information on the potential local measures is received before May 27th, it will be presented to the Executive Committee for their action. If the information is not received by May 27th, it will be presented at the next quarterly Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

B. Resignation of Ingrid Rushing from the SPC

Ingrid had to resign her position on this committee due to her very busy schedule.

C. NLACRC Programs that have Closed

An updated summary on NLACRC’s program closures were provided to the committee. The majority of program closures was due to financial/rate issues.

Fiscal Year	Program Closures	Consumers Impacted
2014-15 (so far)	16	60
2013-14	12	112
2012-13	10	71
2011-12	20	1,096
2010-11	4	47
2009-10	6	133
2008-09	8	138
Total:	76	1,657

Erica added that we continue to see an increase in the number of residential home closures – and others are in financial distress. This data appears to demonstrate the rates are no longer viable. Some financial models indicate all Adult Residential Model (ARM) homes will lose different monthly amounts, but none seem to break even until they have multiple homes. Many providers just can’t afford to stay open. We are hoping that the 10% rate increase goes into effect and we need to be creative with resource development. There were some detailed questions about a pharmacy closure that the summary did not address as it is just a summary of closures. Erica reported that the overall trends are watched for and SANDIS is creating an enhancement feature that will help us electronically capture closure reasons.

Action: Future program closure reports will include additional information on the reasons for the closure.

D. ARCA’s Resource Limitation Survey Report (Yolanda) – *Deferred*

E. Update on the Self-Determination Program

1. Community Advisory Committee: The local State Council office has selected their 5 members and NLACRC is in the process of interviewing candidates to fill their 5 spots. The 11th spot on the committee will be held by our client rights' advocate.
2. Community Meetings: NLACRC will be holding community meetings, 1 in each 3 valley, to provide what information we have on the self-determination program. The meetings have been scheduled for:
 - **Tuesday, May 26th**, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (NLACRC's San Fernando Valley office.
 - **Tuesday, June 2nd**, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (NLACRC's Santa Clarita Valley office.
 - **Thursday, June 11th**, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (NLACRC's Antelope Valley office)
3. Support Positions: The center is recruiting for a self-determination specialist who will work with Ruth Janka to support her in implementing this program. The center will also be hiring 2 administrative support positions to work with Ruth and the specialist, both will be bilingual.

F. Million Letter Campaign

The center held 2 action meetings last week to get our community involved in writing to legislators and the governor to support the 10% increase in service provider rates and regional center operations budgets in the FY 2015-16 state budget. Both meetings were very successful with hundreds of letters written. Diane and Michele provided details on both meetings. We need to get everyone involved in this effort! It's imperative that letters go to the governor prior to the release of his proposed state budget which will happen sometime in mid-May. Our legislators, and especially our governor, need to understand the state of our system, which is in crisis and in need of their assistance.

V. **Board Meeting Agenda Items**

The following item was identified for the committee's section of the May 13th board meeting agenda:

A. Minutes of May 4th Meeting

VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input

A. Next Meeting: Monday, August 3, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

William adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

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