

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Housing Committee Meeting Minutes**  
May 12, 2014

**Present:** Erica Beall, Richard Dier, Jonathan Istrin, Sharoll Jackson, Eric Leh (via teleconference), Elizabeth Lyons, Kim Rolfes, Scott Shepard, and George Stevens – Committee Members  
Angela Quintanilla and Michele Renfrow - Guests  
Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Member

**Absent:** Debra Newman and Tavia Wooley

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**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

Eric Leh, chair, called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. Introductions were made.

**II. Consent Items**

A. Approval of Agenda

Item V.C. was added to the agenda.

**M/S/C** (E. Lyons/K. Rolfes) To approve the agendas as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of February 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**M/S/C** (K. Rolfes/E. Lyons) To approve the minutes as presented.

**III. Public Input** – There was no public input.

**IV. Presentation: Department of Mental Health (DMH) Housing Programs and Services** (Angel Quintanilla and Michele Renfrow)

Angel Quintanilla is a housing specialist for the San Fernando Valley and is also a member of the MediCal navigation team. Michele is a clinical psychologist and is a regular participant in the Vendor Advisory Committee's monthly mental health work group meetings. They began their presentation by explaining their new Coordinated Entry System (CES); this process uses a database that matches individuals who are experiencing homelessness with housing support and resources, based on vulnerability. Angel and Michele then gave a PowerPoint presentation which covered the following areas:

- A. Countywide Housing, Employment, and Education Resource Development (CHEERD)
- B. A temporary shelter program
- C. Eligibility criteria and referral process
- D. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) housing
- E. Federal housing subsidies
- F. Countywide housing assistance program

They also provided pamphlets on the CHEERD program. Essentially, the DMH housing resources come into play once someone becomes homeless. Regional center consumers can become at risk of becoming homeless, but the center steps in to keep them from becoming homeless, so they will not meet the DMH's criteria for housing assistance. Michele bought up the DMH's Full Service Partnership (FSP) which provides crisis response 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; perhaps regional center consumers could take advantage of that program. They are happy to collaborate with the regional center in any way they can. For more information on DMH housing resources, to go [dmh.lacounty.gov](http://dmh.lacounty.gov) then to the "our services" tab and scroll down to the housing button. Michele also invited people to contact her with any questions by e-mail at: [mrenfrow@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:mrenfrow@dmh.lacounty.gov). Eric thanked Angel and Michele for their very informational presentation.

## V. Committee Business

### A. Update on Community Placement Plan (CPP) Activities

We are finalizing the letters to the providers who have been awarded the RFP contracts for our 8 CPP projects:

1. 4 specialized residential facilities
2. 2 day programs
3. 1 supported living service
4. 1 crisis support service

The status of the CPP start-up projects was provided to the committee in a written report.

### B. Update on Housing Legislation

Kim was unable to locate any current housing legislation that was pertinent, but did find information from Mayor Garcetti's proposed FY 2014-15 housing budget for the city of Los Angeles and shared that information with the committee. Since 2008, there has been a dramatic decrease in funds for building affordable homes in the city, nearly 75%, or about \$82 million.

C. ARCA Key Policy Holder Stakeholders Interview

The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) recently alerted the centers that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is currently in the process of developing a 10-year Statewide Housing Plan (SHP) for the period 2015-2025. They are interested in getting input from all interested parties and we have the opportunity to participate in that process. ARCA provided us with a questionnaire to complete in order for them to process our input. Copies of the questionnaire were provided to the Housing Committee. The committee offered the following comments:

1. People with developmental disabilities should be given “carve-outs” along with the elderly and homeless.
2. Under question 4., the response should include procuring vouchers for consumers.
3. People First language should be used (“adults with developmental disabilities” vs. “developmentally disabled adults”).

**Action:** Housing Committee members will provide Kim with any feedback they have on the Statewide Housing Plan by Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. Board Meeting Agenda Items**

The following item was identified for the Housing Committee’s section of the May 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of May 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**VII. Announcements / Information**

- A. Next Quarterly Meeting: Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Eric adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Submitted by:

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