

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

November 19, 2014

**Present:** Myriam Jovel, Debra Newman, Lou Paparozzi, Sean Stalbaum, Angela White, and Tavia Wooley – Committee Members  
Michelle Heid – Vendor Advisory Committee Representative  
Diane Ambrose, Sara Iwahashi, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, and George Stevens – Staff Members

**Absent:** Dorothy Daniels

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**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

Tavia Wooley, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**II. Public Input**

**III. Consent Items**

A. Approval of Agenda

**M/S/C** (D. Newman/S. Stalbaum) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of October 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

**M/S/C** (D. Newman/L. Paparozzi) To approve the minutes as presented.

**IV. Committee Business**

A. Legislative Update

1. Implementation of SB 577 (Pavley)

Copies of this bill, which was chaptered on September 18<sup>th</sup>, were provided to everyone present. This bill requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), contingent upon receiving federal financial participation, to conduct a 4-year demonstration project to determine whether community-based vocational development services will increase

employment outcomes for consumers and reduce purchase of service costs for working age adults. The bill requires the development and semi-annual review of a plan, if community-based vocational development services are determined to be a necessary step to achieve a supported employment outcome. The Board of Trustees voted to support this bill and George would like NLACRC to become one of the pilot regional centers. Kim Rolfes and Yolanda Bosch will be meeting with Senator Fran Pavley to get a better understanding of this bill.

**Action:** Kim will provide a report on the meeting with Senator Fran Pavley at the next committee meeting in January.

2. Sara provided the committee with a written legislative update and election results and reviewed it with the committee.
3. The center's annual Legislative Breakfast will be held on Friday, April 10, 2015. This year's theme will be focused on service provider rates. A workgroup is usually established in January to begin planning the presentation and panel speakers. They usually have about 3 or 4 meetings to get this work done and the meetings are generally held in the afternoon. Sara would like to put the workgroup together so she can begin scheduling the meetings in January.

**Action:** Tavia, Sean, and Michelle volunteered to serve on the Legislative Breakfast workgroup.

B. Social Media Subcommittee Report

The subcommittee held their first meeting today. They are looking into how the other regional centers are using social media along with the restrictions they have in place. Kim and Michele were asked to draft policy/guidelines on the objective of a Facebook page for the center. Once that's done, we will issue a request for proposals for a consultant to build our Facebook page and monitor it.

**Action:** The committee would like to review all of the proposals that are submitted by potential consultants for the center's Facebook page.

- C. Board Audit: Are the methods identified in the center's training and information plan in line with our organizational principles? Yes.

V. **Board Meeting Agenda Items**

The following items were identified for the committee's section of the January 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of November 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting
- B. Legislative Update

**VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input**

- A. Complete Meeting Evaluations

Tavia asked the committee members to please complete evaluation forms after the meeting and submit them to her with any comments.

- B. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> (no December meeting)

**VII. Adjournment**

Tavia adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by,

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