

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Government & Community Relations Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
April 15, 2015

**Present:** Dorothy Daniels, Myriam Jovel, Debra Newman, Lou Papparozzi, Sean Stalbaum, Angela White, and Tavia Wooley – Committee Members  
Michelle Heid – Vendor Advisory Committee Representative  
Richard Dier and Anthony Williams – Guests  
Diane Ambrose, Sara Iwahashi, Liliana Windover, and George Stevens – Staff Members

**Absent:** All present

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**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

Tavia Wooley, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**II. Public Input**

No public meeting

**III. Consent Items**

A. Approval of Agenda

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

B. Approval of Minutes of March 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**M/S/C** (D. Daniels/A. White) To approve the minutes as presented.

**IV. Committee Business**

A. Million Letter Campaign

Sara provided information regarding the community action meetings to be held on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at New Horizons and Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at Desert Haven. She also shared copies of a flyer and sample letter that will be sent to service providers, consumers, and family members about the letter writing campaign and urging the Legislature to support the Lanterman Coalition's request for a 10% adjustment in the rates for service providers and regional center

operations budgets. Sara will be holding conference calls with key service providers and members of this committee tomorrow and Friday to discuss the details for the community action meetings.

B. Legislative Update

Copies of the committee's updated bill file were e-mailed to the committee and hard copies were provided at the meeting. Sara stated that the ARCA Legislative Committee was rescheduled to April 23<sup>rd</sup>, so she does not have any significant updates. Sara also handed out information on the following bills:

- AB 796: Autism Behavioral, Health Treatment
- AB 1379: Carter School Special Education Programs
- AB 643: Silver Alert
- ABLE Account: Tax advantage savings accounts for individuals with disabilities and their families. This account was created as a result of the passage of the ABLE Act of 2014.

Tavia encouraged the committee to look at the bill files in order to make recommendations to the Board. Members of this committee stated that they need help prioritizing which bill(s) should take priority.

**Action:** Michele and Sara will prioritize the bills to narrow them down and present their recommendations at next month's committee meeting. Committee members will review this list and present any recommended actions at the June 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

C. Report on ARCA Grass Roots Day

This year's team members were Michele Marra (staff lead), Tavia Wooley and her brother, Jenean Glover, and Rebecca Leinhard (executive director of Tierra del Sol Foundation). They visited our legislators at the State Capitol in Sacramento. It was a very good opportunity to explain to our legislators why our system needs the 10% increase in funding. Tavia stated that it was a very productive day and that the legislators were very knowledgeable and they seemed much more responsive than in the past. Tavia also recommended that we have to continue our communication with our district offices.

D. Presentation of Draft Social Media Policy/Guidelines

The draft guidelines on how the center's Facebook page will work was presented to the committee. Committee members should provide Sara with any input.

**Action:** Sara will present the final draft guidelines to the committee again at their meeting next month.

E. Special Olympics World Games - Update

Yolanda Bosch, our team captain for the Special Olympics World Games, is currently waiting to receive more information from the official Special Olympics headquarters. Michele reported that participation in "fans in the stands" will be a 4-hour time commitment. Michele will look at getting t-shirts that identify NLACRC's team. More details to come.

Michele also announced the introduction of NLACRC tote bag. This is a good way to promote the center's services and for outreach events.

**V. Board Meeting Agenda Items**

The following items were identified for the committee's section of the April 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of April 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting
- B. Million Letter Campaign
- C. Legislative Update
- D. Report on ARCA Grass Roots Day
- E. Presentation of Draft Social Media Policy/Guidelines
- F. Special Olympics World Games – 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, May 20<sup>th</sup>

**VII. Adjournment**

Tavia adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

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