

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2016

Present: Pam Aiona, Daniel Garcia, William Rayber, and Adam Stokes – Committee Members

Miguel Arias, Precious Malumfashi, Jill Martin – Guests

Jennifer Kaiser and Jose Rodriguez – Staff Members

Absent: Mary Jo Fernando, Lesly Forbes, and Hillary Marides

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Daniel Garcia, CAC vice chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 in Mary Jo’s absence. Everyone sang “Happy Birthday” to Daniel and celebrated with cupcakes!

2. Public Input (3 minutes)

Adam announced that there were multiple rescues performed today due to the heavy rain.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (W. Rayber/P. Aiona) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of November 3rd Meeting

The minutes were corrected to show that Liz Lyons was present.

M/S/C (W. Rayber/A. Stokes) To approve the minutes as modified.

4. Committee Business

A. Reports on Employment, Transportation, Legislation, and Housing (All)

1. Report on Access Services Meeting: William reported that Access Services will not be raising their prices; the cost will still be \$2.75 for rides inside the San Fernando Valley and \$3.25 outside the valley.

2. Report on Assembly Member Nazarian's Holiday Open House: No one present attended the assembly member's open house.
3. Daniel reported that he recently got a job volunteering at a legal rights center. Please contact him with any potential rights violations.
4. Precious announced that she recently heard about an agency that provides classes (acting, singing, etc.) to people with disabilities to prepare them for jobs in the entertainment industry.

Action: Precious will share more information about this agency at next month's CAC meeting.

5. William reported that he felt that KTLA did the best job of reporting on the terrorist attack at Inland Regional Center; they used the phrase "developmental disabilities" rather than the word "handicapped."
6. The CAC was provided with copies of an article from "Disability Scoop" about how the US Department of Transportation was looking at ways to ensure that people with disabilities have greater use of in-flight entertainment and to bathrooms on single-aisle airplanes.
7. AB 1565 (Lackey): Assembly Member Lackey serves part of the center's catchment area in the Antelope Valley and is well aware of the transportation, residential, and other issues we are having in that area. He just released this bill which would increase funding for the developmental disabilities system.
8. Housing: Daniel learned that the City of Los Angeles created some affordable and accessible housing units and 50% of them are still available.

Action: Daniel will bring more information about the available housing units to next month's CAC meeting.

B. Report on LA Care Meeting

Neither Mary Jo nor Liz Lyons were present to give a report on the LA Care meeting.

C. Updated Event Calendar

Copies of the CAC's event calendar were provided. Unfortunately, only 1 event was listed: the Festival on Human Abilities on January 30th and 31st at the Long Beach Aquarium.

Action: CAC members should forward information on local events that may be of interest to consumers to Jose so he can list them on the CAC's event calendar.

D. Ideas for Training/Presentation Calendar for FY 2015-16

The following trainings/presentations were identified for upcoming CAC meetings:

1. February 2nd – Preparing for Employment (Chrysalis)
2. March 1st – Disaster Preparedness
3. April 5th – Preparing for Employment (Department of Rehabilitation)
4. May 3rd – Self-Advocacy DVD

Action: Jose will add the above listed trainings to the CAC's training calendar.

E. Review Agenda for January 13th Board of Trustees Meeting: Copies of the agenda for the January 13th board meeting were provided and Jennifer reviewed it with those present. Board meetings are always open to the public and consumers are always welcome to attend. The January 13th board meeting will be held at the center's branch office in Santa Clarita.

5. Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting

The following items were identified for the CAC's section of the January 13th board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes from the January 5th CAC Meeting
- B. Committee Event Calendar

6. Announcements / Information / Public Input

A. CAC Attendance Sheet: The meeting attendance sheets are always sent out with the meeting packets. CAC members cannot miss 3 meetings in a row or more than 4 meetings in a 12-month period.

- B. Daniel thanked everyone present for coming to today's meeting in such bad weather.
- C. Next CAC Meeting: Tuesday, February 2nd, at 2:00 p.m.

7. **Adjournment**

Before the meeting adjourned, Daniel asked for a moment of silence to honor the victims of the terrorist attack at Inland Regional Center.

M/S/C (W. Rayber/P. Aiona) To adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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