

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2017

Present: Pam Aiona, Melissa Ferman, Lesly Forbes, Jacob Freeman, Hillary Marides, William Rayber, Ben Segel-Evans, and Adam Stokes – Committee Members

Mary Jo Fernando, Drew Taylor, and Rosa Zevallos – Guests

Jennifer Kaiser and Jose Rodriguez – Staff Members

Absent: All present

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Pam Aiona, CAC vice chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. After introductions were made, everyone sang “Happy Birthday” to Melissa and celebrated her birthday with a fruit tart and ice cream.

2. Public Input (3 minutes)

Drew Taylor from the Family Focus Resource Center asked for the committee’s input on 3 proposed workshops she would like to hold for consumers:

- A. How to find a job (including tips and resources).
- B. 101 questions about computers (a live demonstration where consumers could get their answers to their questions about computers).
- C. A movie club (consumers watch a specific movie at home and then come to the regional center to talk about it).

The CAC felt the 1st workshop would be the most beneficial, with the second one having some benefits as well. The committee did not feel that a movie club would be of benefit to consumers. They did suggest to Drew that she try and find a way for consumers to learn an employable trade or skill on a computer. Drew said she would look into that.

3. Consent Items

- A. Approval of Agenda

Item 4.F. was added to the agenda.

M/S/C (W. Rayber/H. Marides) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes of November 1st Meeting

M/S/C (W. Rayber/L. Forbes) To approve the minutes as presented.

4. **Committee Business**

A. Resignation of Daniel Garcia

Daniel Garcia found full time employment, so he resigned from his position as chair of the CAC.

1. Appointment of Pam Aiona as new chair: As Pam Aiona is the CAC vice-chair, she was offered the position of CAC chair and she accepted it. This also means that Pam will represent the CAC on the Board of Trustees.
2. Interest in vice-chair position / election next month: Several CAC members were interested in serving as vice-chair.

Action: CAC members who are interested as vice-chair, should come to next month's meeting prepared to explain why they would make a good vice-chair. The election will follow those statements.

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

1. Report on Access Services Meeting: Liz Lyons was not present to give a report.
2. Federal Employment Fair: Will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Grand Salon at CSUN. For more information, contact Souzan Amer at souzan.amer@csun.edu or at (818) 677-2684.

C. Report on LA Care Meeting (Hillary)

Hillary reported that after 13 months, LA Care has gone back and forth on the issue of having its providers provide accessible exam tables for their patients who use wheelchairs. They went from saying that all providers should require them to it's not required under the Americans with Disabilities Act, to getting people on

the exam table is required but that special equipment was not needed. Hillary argued that special equipment is required in order to get a wheelchair using patient on the table using proper transfer procedures. All patients have the right to proper medical care. Hillary plans to make a motion before the Board of Governors LA Care meeting on Monday, February 6th.

D. Training/Presentation Calendar for FY 2016-17

Action: The self-advocacy training scheduled for January was moved to May.

Action: Melissa will contact the Department of Rehabilitation to see if they would be willing to send someone to give a presentation at the February CAC meeting.

Action: Lesly will contact Red Cross to see if they would give a presentation to the CAC.

Action: The housing presentation will be held in April.

E. Review Agenda for Board of Trustees Meeting (Jennifer)

Copies of the agenda for the January 11th board meeting were provided and Jennifer reviewed the agenda with the CAC. The board meeting will be held at the center's Santa Clarita Valley office at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are open to the public.

F. Department of Developmental Services (DDS) CAC Presentation

Jessica Gould, a NLACRC consumer and a board member, is a member of the statewide DDS CAC. She would like to come to a future CAC meeting to talk with the committee about it. Jose reported that SSI turned her down, so a presentation opportunity for the June CAC meeting is still open.

Action: The committee added her presentation to the Training/Presentation Calendar for the June CAC meeting.

Action: Jose will contact Jessica Gould to arrange for her to give a presentation at the June CAC meeting.

5. **Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting**

The following items were identified for the CAC's section of the January 11th board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes from January 3rd Meeting
- B. Election of Pam Aiona, New CAC Chair

6. **Announcements / Information / Public Input**

A. CAC Attendance Sheet

The meeting attendance sheet is updated each month and included with the meeting packet. CAC members cannot miss 5 meetings in a 1-year period or 3 meetings in a row. The CAC members are doing very well with their meeting attendance!

B. Next CAC Meeting: February 7th, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

C. The Ms. Wheelchair California Foundation 2017 Pageant

Hillary announced that the crowning of Little Ms. Wheelchair California 2017, Miss Teen Wheelchair California 2017, and Ms. Wheelchair California 2017 will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 7th, at the Long Beach Public Library, 101 Pacific Avenue, in Long Beach.

D. Color Wars

A Color Wars event will be held at 7:45 p.m. on Saturday, January 14th, at the Agoura Hills Center.

7. **Adjournment**

Pam adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Submitted by,

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