

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2012

Present: Yolanda Bosch, Craig Girard, Jenean Glover Sharoll Jackson, Eric Leh, and Katie Mead – Committee Members
Diane Ambrose, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, and Kim Rolfes – Staff Members

Absent: All present

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Yolanda Bosch, president, at 7:44 p.m.

II. Public Input - There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Item IV.D. was added to the agenda.

M/S/C (K. Mead/C. Girard) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes from September 27th Meeting

M/S/C (K. Mead/S. Jackson) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. FY 2011-12 Executive Committee Action Log

All of the actions taken by the board and its committees are recorded. Logs of these actions are provided on an annual basis to each committee for their review and information. The logs show each committee's work product from the previous fiscal year. It also provides committee members with the opportunity to make sure all of the actions they wanted taken were accomplished.

B. Finalize Agenda for the November 14th Board Meeting

The committee finalized the agenda for next month's board meeting.

C. Monthly Board Expenditures Report for FY 2012-13

The board's budget for this fiscal year is \$55,950.00. So far, only \$5,100.61 has been spent, so the board has \$50,849.39 remaining in their budget.

D. Government & Community Relations Committee's Recommendation to Support Proposition 30

At last week's Government & Community Relations Committee meeting, discussion ensued about Proposition 30 and how the center could support it. If this tax measure, recommended by the governor, does not pass, then a \$50 million trigger reduction will be made to the developmental services budget. As a nonprofit agency, we can't tell people how they should vote. However, it was the committee's thinking that we could provide information about the proposition and what would happen if it didn't pass. As such, the committee took action to recommend that the Executive Committee take action to support Proposition 30 on behalf of the board. And, if the Executive Committee agreed to do this, that information about the proposition would be posted on the center's website, sent out in an e-mail blast, and letters sent to the media.

M/S/C (C. Girard/J. Glover) To take action, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to support Proposition 30.

Action: Michele will make sure that the actions recommended by the Government & Community Relations Committee will be taken in order to support the passage of Proposition 30.

V. Center Operations

1. Lanterman Developmental Center (LDC) Meeting: Diane joined a meeting of LDC's parent group along with several regional center directors, key staff of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and LDC staff members. It was a very well-attended meeting with about 250 people there (primarily parents). DDS told them that they have a plan for state employees' transition into the community once LDC is closed: they will pay the difference between the state salary and the community salary for 2 years! The directors talked to the group about resource development. Many of the family members were angry with Terri Delgadillo, director of DDS, for the lack of planning for the closure of LDC.
2. Public Hearing: A public hearing was held today to discuss the state of the DCs. It began with an overview of the developmental centers, and then there was

discussion regarding the licensing of Sonoma DC, and the hearing ended with discussion on the LDC closure. Public testimony was given after the discussion.

3. Vendor Issue: We have a vendor who is currently providing services to 4 consumers from LDC. Her rate is too low and she is losing money. She is a wonderful provider and we don't want to lose her. In addition, we have no other placements suitable for these consumers. DDS has not approved a rate increase for her. One of the committee members noted that DDS seems to have extra money to give LDC staff to supplement their salaries but won't allocate money to save this home.
4. Candidates' Forum: The candidates' forum was held on October 16th and it was well-attended (even though it was held at the same time as the second presidential debate) and included the participation of 8 candidates who are running for local senate and assembly seats. Yolanda Bosch did a fantastic job as the moderator. The planning committee did a great job organizing the event. We didn't have anyone register to vote at the event, but many people took the registration forms with them. We issued a press release, but no media people were present. Information about the event will be posted on the center's website and thank you letters were sent to each of the candidates who participated.
5. Meeting with Infant Development Programs: We will be holding a meeting with our infant development programs tomorrow to discuss staffing requirements and the prohibited use of subcontractors. This could potentially be a serious audit problem for our providers and we want to help them resolve this.
6. Worker's Compensation Insurance: It has come to our attention that there may be some residential service providers who are not carrying worker's compensation insurance for their staff as required by state law. We will be sending a letter to our residential service providers requesting documentation that they have secured worker's compensation insurance as required by state law.
7. Pension Reform: Michele stated that she just got back from a Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) conference where they talked about how the new pension reforms could affect PERS members. More information to come as it becomes available.

VI. Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Report

- A. Report on October 18 & 19, 2012 Retreat Meetings (San Diego)

Craig reported that he, Jeremy, and Diane all participated in the retreat which was focused on developing ARCA's strategic plan for 2013-15. While there, he heard Denny Amundson speak, who contributed to the writing of the original Lanterman Act. Denny also served as the first executive director of NLACRC. He also learned about a new group, started by Art Bolton, called the Disabilities Political Action Voice (DPAV). DPAV was created to take political action to help the system that the non-profits cannot do. Their goals are to maintain the essence of the Lanterman Act and its entitlement to services and to stop the loss of funds. Craig provided flyers about this group to the committee. After participating in many workshops with consultants, the group came up with the top 3 areas they felt ARCA should focus on: funding; long-term structure; and service efficacy. Craig provided Jennifer with a handout from the retreat and asked her to e-mail it to the board. He also asked that Jennifer include the flyer for the DPAV in with the next board meeting packets.

- B. Next ARCA Meetings: January 17 & 18, 2013 (Tentative)

VII. Announcements / Information Items

A. Complete Meeting Evaluations

Yolanda asked the committee members to please complete evaluations after the meeting and submit them to her with any comments.

- B. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 28th, at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Yolanda adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jennifer Kaiser

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Executive Assistant

