North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
August 18, 2016

**Present:** Sandra Baker, Victoria Berrey, Mercedes Del Cid, Richard Dier, Ellen Jannol, Bebo Saab – Committee Members  
Ruth Janka, Evelyn Chamorro, George Stevens – NLACRC Staff  
Julie Eby-McKenzie – State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Tami Barmache, Angie Cortez, Bennett & Ellen Inkels, Connie Lapin, Judy Mark, Alenoosh Mirzaian, Nazi Nouri, Deborah Van Horn, Beth Wood - Guests

**Absent:** Nicole Carter, Allison Cameron Gray, Michelle Heid, Debra Newman – Committee Members

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1. **Call to Order & Introductions**

   The meeting was called to order by Richard Dier at 7:04 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions from the Committee were made. Richard asked the guests to introduce themselves.

2. **Public Input & Comments**

   None.

3. **Consent Items**

   A. **Approval of Agenda**

      **M/S/C** (B. Saab/E. Jannol) To approve the Agenda as written.

      | Name   | Yes | Absent |
      |--------|-----|--------|
      | Baker  | Yes |       |
      | Berrey | Yes |       |
      | Carter | Absent |       |
      | Del Cid | Yes |       |
      | Dier   | Yes |       |

   B. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 16 Meeting:**

      **M/S/C** (B. Saab/E. Jannol) To approve the Meeting Minutes as presented.

      | Name   | Yes | Absent |
      |--------|-----|--------|
      | Baker  | Yes |       |
      | Berrey | Yes |       |
      | Carter | Absent |       |
      | Del Cid | Yes |       |
      | Dier   | Yes |       |

   C. **Approval of Committee Policies.** Board positions and terms were approved at last month’s meeting. After discussion, the Committee agreed not to have a formal attendance policy. The Committee does not expect all members to attend every meeting. Instead, if a member misses more than a few meetings, the Agency that appointed them to the Committee will reach out to them to determine if any assistance can be provided so that the member can attend, or if the member has an ongoing reason for missing meetings that may require them to resign. No formal policy was voted upon.

4. **Committee Reports**
A. Chair’s Report – Richard shared the meeting schedule, which was provided to Members. He also reiterated that the quorum is defined as a simple majority.

B. Board Actions – In Debra’s absence, Ruth Janka announced that NLACRC will be moving its main office from Van Nuys to Chatsworth beginning in September. The move will be final on October 3.

5. NLACRC/DDS/Update
   a. Current Interest List – Ruth provided a statistical analysis of consumers interested in SDP.
      i. It was noted that most of the interested consumers are from the San Fernando Valley, are white and have a diagnosis of autism.
   b. Community Outreach – Ruth shared the final versions of two color flyers that will be mailed with all IPPs, and a copy of an SDP email newsletter. This will be generated whenever there is news. Ruth also shared that NLACRC is funding an agency to translate these materials into Spanish.
      i. The Committee would like to be informed whenever there are new outreach meetings. Ruth said she will have Evelyn send out an email with the meetings that are scheduled.
      ii. Victoria said that having the materials in Spanish will be very helpful for outreach.
   c. DDS Update – Richard said that there was not much news. DDS did not submit a revised waiver application to CMS over the summer as we expected. He invited guest Judy Mark to give an update because she participates on the Statewide task force. Judy said that CMS decided instead to submit an informal letter to CMS and get CMS’ responses to the letter to work out the issues, then they plan to submit a formal application to CMS in September, so that the issues will all be worked through. If this happens, it is possible that California may have an approved application by the end of 2016. She encouraged people to contact their California legislators to let them know that they want Self Determination. Other guests asked general questions about SDP and the implementation.

6. Old Business
   A. None

7. New Business
   A. Trailer Bill Language regarding committee participation in outreach and training – Ruth will have Evelyn provide a schedule of outreach opportunities. Members can let Evelyn know if they wish to attend. Some meetings are during the day, and others are in the evening. It depends on the group that is having the meeting.
   B. Committee members becoming independent facilitators – deferred until September when more members are present.
   C. Future agenda planning
      i. For September, the Committee would like to see if we can have a presentation on the role of the Independent Facilitator. Julie suggested some people who have participated in SCDD’s trainings.

8. Public Comment
   None.

9. Adjournment
   Meeting was adjourned by the Chair.

Submitted by Victoria Berrey, Secretary.