

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2017

Present: Victoria Berrey, Richard Dier, Michelle Heid, Debra Newman Barnett, Bebo Saab – Committee Members
Ruth Janka, Evelyn Chamorro – NLACRC Staff
Julie Eby-McKenzie – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Tanya Hauer, Joyce Thomas – Guests

Absent: Sandra Baker, Allison Cameron Gray, Nicole Carter, Mercedes Del Cid, Ellen Jannol – Committee Members

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Richard Dier at 7:06 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions from the Committee were made. Guests introduced themselves.

2. Public Input & Comments

There was no public input from our guests.

3. Consent Items

A. Richard asked that we rearrange the agenda to have the training after the business portion of the meeting.

Approval of Agenda as amended

Approval of Agenda as presented

M/S/A. (Heid, Saab). All

Baker	Absent	Gray	Absent
Berrey	Yes	Heid	Yes
Carter	Absent	Jannol	Absent
Del Cid	Absent	Newman	Yes
Dier	Yes	Saab	Yes

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2017 Meeting:

M/S/A. (Heid, Dier)

Baker	Absent	Gray	Absent
Berrey	Yes	Heid	Yes
Carter	Absent	Jannol	Absent
Del Cid	Absent	Newman	Yes
Dier	Yes	Saab	Yes

4. Committee Reports

A. Chair's Report –Richard participated on a telephone call of the Stakeholder's group recently. He said that the stakeholders said they would be sending out announcements of the meetings ahead of the calls based on feedback. Jim Knight would not commit to a timeline to submit the waiver application in the first quarter but said he thought it would be submitted. Next, Jim described an ongoing process with CMS to resolve the outstanding issues so that they are 'pre-reviewed' and more likely to be approved. The outstanding issues are what happens in a crisis situation such as special incident reports e.g. when a participant is

hospitalized. What is the timeline for how long a participant stays on SDP before they move back to traditional services. The other issue is the FMS and would the costs be in or out of the individual budget. He believes the FMS costs will be added to the individual's budget.

- B. Board Actions - Debra's reported that there were no Board actions related to self determination. There was discussion about maintaining momentum with regard to getting the waiver passed, meeting attendance across the state, etc. She said DDS says it is taking long because they want to get it right. She encourages us all to keep attending and moving forward.

Richard asked about having the minutes and agendas translated into Spanish. Evelyn said they were translated, but the Spanish version was posted on the website 9 days before, not 10 days before. Julie said in that case the English should be posted within the 10 days, then the Spanish when it's available.

5. NLACRC/DDS/Update

- a. DDS Update – Evelyn reported that NLACRC will have informational sessions in January and February. People who attend will sign in and NLACRC will send these lists to DDS.
- b. Current interest list – an updated copy was provided. There are now 142 interested participants, a significant increase. Evelyn reported that she will do another round of outreach at the local support groups. She said we need more on the interest list from AV.
- c. Outreach – Evelyn gave an outreach update. She had an outreach session at Trinity Classical Academy and at a new support group. Ruth said that Evelyn will also be doing an in-service at all the CSC Unit meetings on the basics of SDP, and then the CSCs will be handing out an SDP flyer at all IPP meetings. Evelyn says she is getting more interest from CSCs.
- d. Review of outreach materials – We reviewed the DDS presentation and handouts were provided.

6. New Business

- A. Advisory Committee attendance policy – Michelle said other NLACRC committee have a policy that if you miss 4 consecutive meetings, you are considered resigned. Also, the Chair reaches out to members after 2 consecutive meetings to check in.
Adopt attendance policy for Self Determination committee where if a Member misses 4 consecutive meetings or 75% of meetings in a calendar year, they are considered resigned unless excused by an action of the Committee. The Committee chair should reach out after 2 missed meetings.:

M/S/A. (Heid, Saab)

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Del Cid	Absent	Newman	Yes
Dier	Yes	Saab	Yes

Discussion: if you miss x meetings, the Chair will discuss. Amended: if miss 4 consecutive meetings or 75% of meetings in a calendar year, they are considered resigned, unless they are excused by an action of the committee. The Committee chair should reach out after 2 missed

meetings. Debra said that there has been a lack of momentum and she recommends that we only reach out after 2 missed meetings but not have an official policy. Michelle and Bebo said they feel the lack of attendance and quorum is affecting our ability to do what we are charged to do.

- B. New Advisory Committee members – Julie described that the SCDD membership meeting should be in early December to approve more members.
- C. Elections – the Committee agreed to table this topic and move to next meeting or when we have new members appointed. Debra asked that we send out a description of the Committee roles prior to the next meeting so committee members are prepared.
- D. Next meeting – plan the dates/locations for the year; introduce new members, if available

7. Training

Evelyn Chamorro gave a presentation of the DDS Self Determination Program Informational Meeting materials in English. There were some questions from the guests. There were no suggested changes from the Committee.

8. Public Comment

None

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Richard at 8:52pm.

Submitted by Victoria Berrey, Secretary.