I. Call to Order & Introductions

Michelle Heid, VAC chair, called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. Introductions were made.

II. Public Input - There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (J. Moran/S. Jackson) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes from the March 1st VAC Meeting

M/S/C (J. Moran/S. Jackson) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Executive Director’s Report (George Stevens)
A. **VAC’s Request for ARCA to Update their “On the Brink” Report:**

Amy Westling, the executive director for the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) will be here at the regional center next week for a meeting.

**Action:** George will ask Amy Westling next week if ARCA would be willing to update their 2015 report, “On the Brink of Collapse: The consequences of underfunding California’s developmental services system” and report back to the VAC.

B. **Behavioral Intervention Service (BIS) Transition:** Arpi Arabian gave an update on the BIS transition. Please contact Arpi with any questions at: AArabian@nlacrc.org.

C. **Town Hall Meeting:** Will be held tonight at New Horizons from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We need to fill the venue to show our elected officials that we are a cohesive community and we need their support.

D. **Purchase of Service (POS) Disparity:** The legislature wants to see regional center services more equitably provided; we need to keep the conversation going to overcome any service barriers. There seems to be service disparity for consumers living at home, regardless of age. In addition, other barriers include inconsistent living situations, families having no access to a doctor (and subsequently not referred), and fear of being undocumented. It is important for providers to make sure their brochures are available in Spanish as well as English. A suggestion was made by a guest in the audience that the center develop a public service announcement letting people know that they do not have to have a doctor’s recommendation, they can come directly to the regional center and apply for services.

V. **Chief Financial Officer’s Report** (Kim Rolfes)

A. **POS Expenditure Data Community Meetings:** The center held community meetings on March 20th and 27th to share our POS service data with our community. We had a good turnout at both meetings. The presentation that was shown will be posted on our website in early June.

B. **Electronic Visit Verification:** EVV is a telephone and computer-based system that electronically verifies service visits; all states must implement EVV for Medicaid-funded personal care services by January 2019 and home health care services by January 2023. There is no prescribed solution from the federal
government, so states can select and implement their own EVV design. A stakeholders meeting for IHSS workers will be held on Thursday, April 19th.

**Action:** Kim will email information about the IHSS stakeholders meeting to Jennifer who will forward it to the service providers on her emailing list.

C. **NLACRC’s Budget:** The center’s budget for this fiscal year is $466 million at this point. Our POS budget is $394 million and we are projecting a deficit between $16.6 and $22.6 million. NLACRC has the highest POS budget deficit in the state. We have conducted a cash flow analysis and don’t anticipate that we will have to borrow any funds from our credit line.

D. **Money Management Applicants’ Conference:** An applicants’ conference was held on March 26th. This is a money management service for consumers in residential placement. Proposals are due Monday, April 30th.

E. **Whistleblower Policy:** NLACRC will be mailing out its whistleblower policy to all service providers; we do this on an annual basis. Please share the policy with your staff; we want them to be aware of it.

F. **FY 2016-17 Independent Audit Report:** NLACRC’s Executive Committee accepted our audit report on March 28th and it has been posted on our website. It was a very good audit.

G. **IRS Form 990:** The center’s tax returns will be completed soon and will then be posted on our website.

H. **Request for Proposals for Risk Assessment:** The RFP will be posted on our website soon.

VI. **Community Services Director's Report** (Yolanda Bosch)

A. **Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Compliance Funding:** The proposals have been submitted to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and we are waiting to hear back from them.

B. **California’s CMS Final Rule Implementation Plan:** CMS has approved the first level of California’s implementation plan; there will be 2 more levels that will need to be approved.

C. **Community Resource Development Fund:** DDS has traditionally provided community placement plan (CPP) funds to regional centers for the purpose of
developing placements in the community for consumers living in developmental centers, which are being closed. Now that the developmental centers are emptying, the CPP will be phased out. In its place will be the CRDF which will provide funding for regional centers to support their most difficult to serve consumers now living in the community. We will be conducting outreach to explain what the CRDF is to our community and will also be surveying consumers, families, staff, and other stakeholders to seek priorities for the CRDF funding. The center will be holding 2 hearings later this month:

1. Tuesday, April 17th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (Chatsworth office)
2. Wednesday, April 18th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (Antelope Valley office)

D. Burns & Associates’ Rate Study: Burns & Associates will be sending surveys out to service providers to collect information that will help them draft their rate reform proposal. If you receive a survey, please complete it – and if you have any questions, please contact them directly.

E. Service Provider Newsletter: The newest edition of the service provider newsletter is going out today! We want the information in the newsletter to be helpful for our providers, so it includes information about the rate survey, trainings, compliance requirements, etc.

F. Open Proposal Period: From now until April 30th, people can submit proposals to us on services they would like to be vendored to provide.

G. Competitive Integrated Employment & the Paid Internship Program: Trainings for providers are being scheduled – more information to come!

VII. Committee Business

A. Election of Sharoll Jackson to serve as VAC Chair for FY 2018-19

   M/S/C (J. Moran/D. Cutter) To elect Sharoll Jackson to serve as the VAC chair next fiscal year.

B. Town Hall Meeting: Thursday, April 5th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Attachment): Fliers for tonight’s town hall meeting were provided. Michele encouraged everyone to come to the meeting and to bring people with them.

VIII. Agenda Item for the Next Board Meeting
The following items were identified for the VAC’s section of the April 11th board meeting:

A. Minutes of the April 5th VAC Meeting  
B. Election of Sharoll Jackson for FY 2018-19 VAC Chair

IX. Announcements/Public Input

A. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 3rd (full meeting)

X. **Committee Work** (The committee breaks into their workgroups)

A. Early Start Services (Fredlyn Berger)  
B. School Age Services (Mariela Feldman)  
C. Adult Services (Jenni Moran)  
D. Implementation of Legislative Changes (Sharoll Jackson)

XI. **Adjournment**

Michelle adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Submitted by,

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