I. Call to Order & Introductions

Jeremy Sunderland, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and introductions were made.

II. Public Input – There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (G. Stevens/E. Badger) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of the November 6th Meeting

M/S/C (Y. Bosch/G. Stevens) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Resignation of Cindy Chiu

Cindy Chiu had to resign from her position on the SPC because she moved out of the area.

B. Quarterly Report on NLACRC Program Closures

Copies of the report were provided and reviewed. There have been only 7 program closures so far this fiscal year; 6 were due to the provider failing to maintain an office in our catchment area, which is a regulatory requirement, and 1 was because the licensee deceased.
C. Quarterly Report on NLACRC’s Activities Related to CIE and PIP

Evelyn McOmie provided the committee with a report on the center’s employment efforts, which included:

1. Met with 25 providers for question and answer sessions.
2. Trained the transition and adult units in all 3 offices.
3. Completed 8 vendorizations for the competitive integrated employment (CIE) and paid internship programs (PIP).
4. Attended several chamber of commerce meetings for employer outreach.

D. Performance Contract Update

1. DDS Approval of NLACRC’s 2018 Performance Contract: Copies of Department of Developmental Services’ (DDS’s) approval letter were provided to the committee. The approved contract has been posted on our website.

2. Review of 2017 Year-End Data: Copies of DDS’s year end data for the 21 regional centers were provided to the committee and Sara reviewed the charts with them. NLACRC rated better than the statewide average in every category except for “adults residing in large facilities.” NLACRC had 295 consumers (2.76%) in large facilities (7 beds or larger) and the statewide average was 2.47%.
E. Update on the Self-Determination Program

DDS has reported that they will be resubmitting the waiver application this week to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). DDS is confident that the application will have responded adequately to CMS’s questions (e.g. how critical incidents will be reported). Two services we know that won’t be funded are crisis services and conference-related fees. Once CMS approves the waiver (they have 90 days to review it), we can proceed with getting the program going. We will have 174 consumer positions to fill for the 3-year pilot program. After that, the program will be open to all eligible consumers. In the meantime, our staff have been trained and we are doing a lot of community outreach so everyone knows the program is coming. This program will give consumers the ability to use non-vendored services to meet their IPP goals. Anyone interested in participating in the program must first attend one of the center’s informational meetings which are being held in all 3 valleys. Also, our Self-Determination Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis. For more information, please go to the center’s website, or you can go to DDS’s website for information and see a short video about the program.

F. Purchase of Service (POS) Disparity Proposals

The center submitted the following proposals to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to receive funding to reduce POS disparity:

1. Cultural and linguistic competency training.
2. Community legislation and education project.
3. Translation equipment.
4. Publication: Commonly coordinated services brochure.
5. Publication: Consumer and family service guide.

DDS did not approve funding for any of our proposed projects. In addition, we also requested continued funding for social media outreach – which they also did not approve. However, 5 of our service providers had their proposals approved and we will be working with them to help them implement their plans. We want to reach out to all of our under-served consumers and families and get them into the system.

V. Board Meeting Agenda Items

The committee identified the following items for the committee’s section of the February 14th board meeting agenda:
A. Minutes of the February 5th Meeting  
B. Quarterly Report on Program Closures  
C. Quarterly Report on NLACRC’s Activities Related to CIE and PIP  
D. DDS Approval of NLACRC’s 2018 Performance Contract

VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input

A. Next Meeting: Monday, May 7th, at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

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