

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2018

Present: Victoria Berrey, Sandra Baker, Michelle Heid, Ellen Jannol, Bebo Saab – Committee Members
Sheila Calove, Evelyn Chamorro – NLACRC Staff
Julie Eby-McKenzie – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Jordan Feinstock, Ken Currie, Andres Lopez, Isaac Rivera Valdez, Timothy Kint,
Juan Montes de Oca, Tami Barmache – Guests

Absent: Richard Dier, Debra Newman Barnett, Allison Cameron Gray, Nicole Carter, Mercedes Del Cid – Committee Members

1. Call to Order & Introductions

In the planned absence of the Chair and Co-Chair, the meeting was called to order by Michelle Heid at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions from the Committee were made. Guests introduced themselves as well.

2. Public Input & Comments

There was no public input from our guests.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda as presented

M/S/A. (Jannol, Baker). All

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

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2017 Meeting:

M/S/A. (Saab, Berrey)

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

4. Committee Reports

- A. Chair's Report –There was no Chair report because Richard could not be present. Instead, Victoria said that she attended one of the Information Meetings, and it went very well. There were many questions from the attendees. She encouraged Committee members to attend future Informational Meetings.
- B. Board Actions - Michelle reported that there were no Board actions related to self determination. She said that at each Board meeting, there is an update about Self Determination at both the Consumers Services meeting and the Board of Trustees meetings.

5. NLACRC/DDS/Update

- a. Evelyn updated us on the internal NLACRC staff trainings. Each of the 20 units are being retrained. The last one will take place in the first week of February. She will also be on the schedule at future New Staff Orientations. Bebo asked how this training differs from the trainings that Ruth did. Evelyn pointed out that this was two years ago, new staff have been added and more information is available.

Sheila provided an update on what is going on in Sacramento with the SDP waiver application. Jim Knight updated the SDP Workgroup recently. CMS agreed to put the waiver application back on the clock. One of the agreements was that crisis facilities would not be included in the waiver, so if a SDP participant goes into a crisis facility, their participation will be suspended while they are in the facility. Also, payment for conference attendance will not be covered under the waiver. Another issue is ensuring the health and safety of consumers, such as Critical Incident Reports. Another discussion point was how to determine the individual budget, for example for a new consumer. Finally, there was discussion about what to do to set provider rates when 'standard' rates do not yet exist. These rates will be negotiated between the consumer and the provider. Michelle pointed out that there are other funding sources that have established rates for some services, such as behavioral health care. If the waiver is approved by CMS, the soonest we can expect implementation will be May 2018. There will be another workgroup meeting in February. The issue of cash flow came up. The FMS will get the entire personal budget up front, as opposed to the way it is done now (billing in arrears).

- b. Current interest list – there are 134 people on the current list. Evelyn submitted the names to DDS in mid December. Participants can check the DDS website to see if their UCI number is present on the list. A guest asked how the participants will be selected. The Committee explained that the participants must be a representative sample of the NLACRC consumer community and that not everyone will be selected even if we do not have 174 people on our list.
- c. Community Outreach report – Evelyn reported that she continues to do outreach in an effort to make our list more diverse. She also hopes to get more people on our list as a result of the Information meetings.
- d. Self Determination Informational Meetings - Two information meetings have been held, and 6 more are scheduled. Committee members are encouraged to attend. It is possible more will be held in the future, based on attendance at the 6 scheduled. The dates are: Jan 23 10:00am and 6:30pm; Lancaster Jan 31 10:00 and 6:30pm; Lancaster Spanish Jan 25 6:30 and Chatsworth Spanish Feb 2 6:30pm. Ellen will attend the AM session on Jan 23. Sandra will attend the two Spanish sessions and will try to come on Jan 23 at 6:30pm. Evelyn will reach out to Debra to see if she can attend the Lancaster sessions. Vicki said that Family Resource Center staff will attend the remaining sessions as well. Bebo shared that he got an automated voice message from Westside Regional Center letting him know about their upcoming Self Determination. He asked if NLACRC could something about that. Sheila says they are testing something like that for emergency communications and she will look into it.

6. New Business

- A. Advisory Committee attendance – the report was not available.
- B. New Advisory Committee members – Julie described that at the SCDD membership meeting in December, they failed to vote on new appointments. She hopes they will meet soon to approve more members.
- C. Functional roles – Michelle suggested that we look at other NLACRC committees to get brief descriptions of the functional roles so that we know what the positions require. Evelyn will do this. Ellen asked when we plan to elect new offices; Victoria said we have been postponing it until we have new members appointed in order to give new members to vote/nominate.
- D. Future agenda planning – Michelle asked if we should start meeting every month, or stay at every other month? Bebo suggested that we meet every month, because things are starting to happen; Ellen agreed. We discussed whether or not we should continue to meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month. It works for most of us, however it does not work for Debra’s schedule. Bebo made a motion that the Board of Trustees consider appointing a new Board appointee to the Advisory Committee. Seconded by Sandra. We would like to continue with the same schedule and rotation. Our next meeting will be in Lancaster in February 15.

Motion to approve calendar for 2018 by Ellen; seconded by Bebo. Approved by all.

Feb 15	AV
March 15	SCV
April 19	Chatsworth
May 17	AV
June 21	SCV
Aug 16	Chatsworth
September 20	AV
October 18	SCV
November 15	Chatsworth

7. Public Comment

Tami asked for clarification about the timeframe and current status of the waiver. Michelle gave a summary of the current status.

Ken asked if there is a list of service providers being developed. Julie explained that there will not be a provider list. The requirement is that direct care providers must have a background check. He also asked if there is a rate that a consumer should offer to a service provider. Julie said it depends on what service is being provided, and what is negotiated.

Isaac asked how it would work for a consumer who wants to work to get a job under Self Determination. Would it affect their SSI? Bebo said you can get SSI and still work. He offered to talk about it with him later.

Tami asked why she thinks so few people have put their names on the interest list. Committee members shared what they have heard in the community: some people don’t want to take on the additional responsibility, some want to wait and see how it goes, and some have said they are worried that Regional Centers will go away and they will be forced to use Self Determination. Everyone is

different.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Michelle Heid at 8:27pm.

Submitted by Victoria Berrey, Secretary.