

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2018

Present: Victoria Berrey, Richard Dier, Debra Newman Barnett, Cheryl Hendrickson, Jordan Feinstock, Bebo Saab – Committee Members
Sheila Calove, Evelyn Chamorro – NLACRC Staff
Julie Eby-McKenzie – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
None – Guests

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

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Richard Dier at 7:15 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions from the Committee and our two new members, Jordan Feinstock and Cheryl Hendrickson, were made. Julie said that our new members were ‘paragons of patience’ for their wait in being appointed.

2. Public Input & Comments

There was no public input.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda as presented

M/S/A. (Saab, Newman). All in favor.

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

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2018 Meeting:

M/S/A. (Saab, Berrey) All in favor except those who abstained.

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

4. Committee Reports

A. Chair’s Report –Richard provided an update; the Chairs of the SD Committees are meeting next month (March 13). He hopes that the waiver will be submitted by DDS by that time and that a copy of it is provided. There have been several updates recently, including one from SCDD from yesterday. On Feb 7, SCDD Chair Lopez wrote that DDS had a workgroup meeting on Feb 6, stating that the waiver was not yet submitted. DDS was waiting to hear from CMS but anticipated that CMS. Yesterday, another update was provided. The workgroup met by phone. DDS hoped to hear from CMS on the final four questions. Two questions were resolved; the other two involve is about whether advocacy services are duplicative of the role of the independent facilitator, and individual training and how to verify that the person

providing the training is qualified. DDS recommends that the person is qualified if they have training or life experience in that topic. DDS submitted these answers to CMS and asked for an answer by February 16. If answers are satisfactory, the waiver application could be submitted within a week.

- B. Board Actions - Debra reported that there were no Board actions that needed to be taken after our last meeting.

5. **NLACRC/DDS/Update**

- a. Sheila said that Ruth Janka had a call with DDS on Feb 12. There was one question that DDS hoped to have answered.

Julie said that if potential participants have attended an SCDD informational meeting that she hopes it will be counted as a qualifying meeting, because they did not collect the required information on their sign in sheets.

- b. Current interest list – Evelyn reported that there are 202 interested participants from NLACRC, 197 have been submitted to DDS, which DDS confirmed. There has been a lot more interest. She is completing the Unit trainings of NLACRC staff. One suggestion was to do an informational training once per month at each NLACRC office during the day, and also before each SDP Committee meeting.
- 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.

Self Determination Informational Meetings - Five information meetings are scheduled in addition to the ones that have been held, and 6 more are scheduled. Victoria asked how the informational meetings went. There were 40 people at the Chatsworth meeting; about 20 at Santa Clarita and 30 people in Antelope Valley. There was only 1 attendee at the Spanish speaking meeting in Antelope Valley. Many of them were brand new to our Self Determination meetings; others have attended meetings before.

Debra asked if we should consider having a webinar based meeting. Jordan said that PASC has a phone call each month. Bebo asked if anyone at NLACRC looked into the automated phone call. Sheila said it is being used for emergency info at this time. We also discussed sending out a postcard, particularly in the Antelope Valley region. Bebo asked if someone on our Committee can reach out to someone at Pomona San Gabriel RC to see what kind of outreach they do.

Victoria asked what the timeline is for DDS to do the lottery. Richard said it could be within 90 days.

Translation – Bebo said that he noticed that the agenda was not translated in Spanish on the website. Evelyn said it was not completed by the translation company before the meeting.

Action: Request a rep from NLACRC communicate with Publications/translation company so that so that agenda is translated into Spanish in a timely manner and posted at the same time as the English agenda, or no later than 5 days before the meeting.

M/S/A. (Saab, Feinstock) Passes.

Baker	Absent	Gray	Absent
Berrey	Yes	Heid	Absent
Del Cid	Absent	Hendrickson	Abstain
Dier	Yes	Jannol	Absent
Feinstock	Yes	Newman	No
		Saab	Yes

Evelyn will ask Publications.

6. **New Business**

- A. New Advisory Committee members – Jordan and Cheryl are now on the Committee.
- B. Description of functional roles – Richard described the 3 functionary roles. We originally had elections in August two years ago, but wanted to wait for new elections until we have the new members, which we now have. Richard wants to stay on the Committee but not be Chair. Richard proposes that next month, we should have candidates identify/nominate themselves at the next meeting, and vote at the April meeting. Victoria will send an email notifying Committee about nominations and request their bios.
 - i. Chair
 - ii. Co-Chair
 - iii. Secretary
- C. Future agenda planning –
 - i. Debra asked that the Committee entertain the idea of 2nd or 4th Thursday due to conflict with her ARCA commitments, starting in August. She would like to remain on the Committee. Richard asks us to vote on this in March.
 - ii. Targeted outreach – Julie said that San Gabriel Pomona is doing some targeted outreach of certain demographic groups that is successful. Sheila will reach out to her counterpart at San Gabriel Pomona to find out what type of targeted outreach they are doing; Richard will reach out to his counterpart as well. Vicki will see if she can find any info on their website.
 - iii. FMS – what is the status of agencies applying to be the FMS vendor? Ask Premier?

7. **Public Comment**

None.

8. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by Richard at 9:02pm.

Submitted by Victoria Berrey, Secretary.