

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2018

Present: Caroline Mitchell, Cynthia Samano, Melinda Tannan, Monroe Jones, Scott Sperber, Moses Sperber, William Abramson, Nina Daily, Lucky Pana, and Pam Arturi

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Caroline Mitchell, CAC chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Introductions were made.

2. Public Input – There was no public input.

3. Consent Items

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes from the March 6th Meeting

The agenda and minutes were approved as presented.

4. Committee Business

- A. Employment (Pamela Arturi, New Horizons)

Pamela is the employment services director at New Horizons in North Hills. She came to the CAC meeting today to talk with everyone about consumer employment.

- B. Training/Presentation Calendar for FY 2018-19

Pamela Arturi will return for next month's CAC meeting for a follow-up presentation and provide additional information on supports available to help consumers succeed once they are employed. There is no training or presentation scheduled for the June CAC meeting as yet – suggestions are welcome.

- C. Updated Event Calendar

Five free events were included on the event calendar, including the rally on Friday!

D. New CAC Flyer

Copies of a new flyer advertising the monthly CAC meetings were provided and reviewed.

E. “Keep the Promise” Rally

A big rally is going to be held this Friday at the Van Nuys State Building at 6150 Van Nuys Boulevard. The rally will begin at noon and go until 1:30 p.m. Everyone will walk around the building holding signs. This is not a protest rally, but a rally to bring our issues to everyone’s attention. Several legislators have their offices in the state building and we are hoping they will come out and talk with us.

Jose provided everyone with a copy of a document called “My Support Statement.” The statement is being used to help consumers get their voices heard. Signing your name at the bottom of the statement confirms that:

1. My support services are important so I can contribute and participate in my community.
2. I want to help my community and the elected official understand what works best for me so I have a choice, independence, and safety every day.
3. When decisions are being made about how the state uses money to pay for my support services, I want to be part of the conversation!

Consumers should read the support statement, sign it, and send it to their legislators!

F. Review Agenda for April 10th Board of Trustees Meeting

Copies of the agenda for the April 10th board meeting were provided and reviewed. Board meetings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend.

5. Identify Items for the Next Board Meeting

The following item was identified for the CAC’s section of the April 10th board meeting agenda:

A. Minutes of the April 3rd Meeting

6. Announcements/Information/Public Input

A. CAC Attendance Sheet

Updated CAC attendance sheets are included in the monthly meeting packets. Anyone can attend the meetings but consumers who attend **4 CAC meetings in a row** become actual CAC members. Currently, Lesly Forbes is the only official CAC member.

B. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 1st, at 11:00 a.m.

7. Adjournment

Caroline adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m. and everyone enjoyed lunch together!

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