North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Notes

March 21, 2019
Lancaster

Present: Victoria Berrey, Richard Dier, Cheryl Hendrickson, Jon Francis, Jordan Feinstock, Michelle Hedi, Bebo Saab, Lori Walker—Committee Members

Sheila Calove, Liz Chavez—NLACRC staff
Julie Eby-McKenzie—State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Guests: Diane Bernstein, Ken Curry

Absent: Sandra Baker, Ellen Jannol, Lillian Martinez

1. Call to Order & Introductions
The meeting was called to order by Jordan Feinstock at 7:04 p.m. in the Lancaster office. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

2. Consent Items
a. Approval of Agenda
Approval of Agenda as presented:
M/S/A. (Heid, Dier). All in favor.

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b. Approval of February 21 Meeting minutes
Approval of Minutes
M/S/A. (Heid, Dier). All in favor.

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3. Open Discussion/Public Input & Comments
Richard shared that he feels that participants may start coming and how the role of Committee may be changing, and asked that we share with participants that they can attend these meetings for input and help.
4. Committee Reports
   b. Board Actions—Lillian was not present. We are not aware of any Board actions.

5. NLACRC/DDS Implementation News
   a) DDS Implementation Update – a new memo about the Individual Budget was published on the DDS website on January 11. Copies were provided.
   b) NLACRC Implementation Update— Sheela shared that the Implementation Team attended Training of Trainers and shared a printed handout that was distributed. She said they are finalizing their internal procedures and then train all staff. Jordan asked if Self Determination staff will be hired. A couple of staff have expressed interest in the Self Determination Specialist position but not the Supervisor position. The Supervisor position will supervise the Specialist and provide assistance to the other CSCs who have a Self Determination caseload. There will also be a Resource Procurement Specialist position. Mandy Flower has left the agency. No FMS agencies have applied to be vendored with NLACRC as of yet but there are 3 that are interested. There are 9 vendored FMS agencies in the state but Sheela said that they have not sent out a list yet. Bebo asked that courtesy vendorization be offered to these agencies now so that the process will be smoother.
   c) Train the Trainer – Sheela distributed a handout that was shared at the meeting.
   d) Self-Determination Orientation Meetings— she would like the Orientations to be given by NLACRC staff, a Committee member and a parent so that it is received very receptively. These sessions will be scheduled for May. There was discussion about the logistics of the Orientation such as what days, how many hours, who can attend and who cannot, and so on. We discussed a brief questionnaire from the CSC, day or evening, how many people will attend the Orientation, language, what’s a burning question that you have. Should there be a limit on the number of people that attend for each family? Perhaps, due to space limitations. There was discussion about how much Person Centered Planning could cost, how many hours, what parameters are there and so forth. For the first group of participants, DDS will pay for the Person Centered Planning.

6. Committee Business - Michelle announced that there is legislative hearing with legislators at New Horizons on April 18 and said the Committee may want to reschedule our next meeting. Change April meeting from April 18 to April 25, in Santa Clarita.
   M/S/A. (Francis, Saab). All in favor except Berrey who abstained.
   
   Baker Absent Hindrickson Yes
   Berrey Abstain Jannol Absent
   Dier Yes Martinez Absent
   Feinstock Yes Saab Yes
   Francis Yes Walker Yes
   Heid Yes

Victoria will notify Publications so they can update the calendar. For next agenda, discuss transportation as an accommodation or to be an active participant in the program for Orientation and Committee meetings. Also, focus on Orientation and review Orientation materials, and get answer on 024 service code.

7. Public Input & Comments— there were no further comments.

8. Adjournment - meeting was adjourned at 8:59.

Next Meeting: April 25 in Santa Clarita.