

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
 April 25, 2019

Present: Ellen Jannol, Lillian Martinez, Bebo Saab, Cheryl Hendrickson, Lori Walker, Sandra Baker, Jordan Feinstock, Michelle Heid, Jon Francis – Committee Members
 Julie Eby-McKenzie – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
 Sheila Calove, Ruth Janka, Jesse Weller, Lizeth Chavez – NLACRC Staff
 Denise, Adam Martinez, Spencer, Troy, Ken Curry, Marlene Lueck, Diane Bernstein - Guests

Absent: Victoria Berry, Richard Dier – Committee Members

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jordan Feinstock at 7:02 p.m. in the Santa Clarita office. A quorum was present. A Spanish interpreter was present. Introductions from the Committee were made.

2. Consent Items (5 minutes)

Jordan Feinstock, Chair

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (M.Heid/B.Saab) All in favor to approve the Agenda.

Feinstock	Yes	Dier	Absent	Francis	Yes
Baker	Yes	Heid	Yes	Walker	Yes
Berrey	Absent	Jannol	Yes	Saab	Yes
Martinez	Absent	Hendrickson	Yes		

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 17, 2019 Meeting:

M/S/C (M.Heid/B.Saab) All in favor to approve the minutes.

Feinstock	Yes	Dier	Absent	Francis	Yes
Baker	Yes	Heid	Yes	Walker	Yes
Berrey	Absent	Jannol	Abstention	Saab	Yes
Martinez	Absent	Hendrickson	Yes		

3. Open Discussion about Self Determination with Committee, Staff, and Guests (40 mins)

A guest inquired as to when they can expect the program to be initiated or launched. Sheila responded that Orientations must take place by May 15th and NLA has scheduled the first Orientation for May 14th with additional dates to follow including a Saturday. Sheila stated consumers and guests can expect to receive the “Train-the-Trainer” materials by DDS as well as the mechanics on the program structure. Committee members would assist with these trainings as well. Upon completion of the Orientation consumers are officially enrolled. It was encouraged that funding be requested for the Person Centered Planning (PCP) as that would be the first step in the process of the program. DDS is authorizing a one time only funding for the PCP that will not come out of the participant’s individualized budget. Jordan asked if LAC members could attend the staff trainings and Sheila advised that internal trainings would be completed by her and subject matter experts from Accounting and Community Services. Sheila did encourage LAC members to assist with Orientations. Ken wanted clarification on the spending plan

process and securing services and how the specifics would need to be reviewed in the PCP. Julie advised that there are multiple components that consist of the budget and spend down. Also, the 15 day response timeline would apply to any service request made to the Regional Center. It was discussed that an Independent Facilitator can conduct the Person Centered Planning. There are a couple of vendors that provide this service such as Tierra Del Sol and Guiding Gems. Marlene inquired if Service Coordinators (SC) would be receiving additional training in Person Centered Thinking or PCP. Ruth responded that SC's are expected to know how to do PCP as a part of the individual planning process which is an entire basis for individual program planning under the law. The Lanterman Act states that all planning RC does needs to be Person Centered and differs from entities that have other methodologies as they are not governed by the Lanterman Act. Marlene recommended NLA put together a Meet and Greet or Vendor Fair to introduce service providers with SDP participants as well as with each other. San Gabriel and Pomona RC will be hosting a very similar event.

4. **Committee Reports (5 mins)**
Chairs Report

Jordan Feinstock, Chair
Ellen Jannol, Vice Chair

No Committee reports at this time.

Board Actions

Lillian Martinez, Board Rep.

Jon shared that he attended a Rally of over 2000 people at the State Building in Van Nuys on April 5th. It was demonstration for the push in the 8% increase for service providers to assist in sustaining the services as some may potentially be eliminated without the increase. Steve Miller the non-profit leader was there and interviewed by KTLA news. Jon shared he was designated to produce a video at the Rally and it was available for anyone to see. He said he would share with Sara Iwahashi to possibly post on NLA's Facebook page and website.

5. **NLACRC/DDS Implementation News (60 mins)**

Sheila Calove

- A. DDS Implementation Update – DDS has been sending the translated “Train-the-Trainer” materials for the Orientations.
- B. NLACRC Implementation Update – Interviews for the SD Supervisor and Specialist are scheduled for Monday with an interest in the AV and SC office. RC continues to wait on the modifications made in Sandis, our reports system on how SDP will be monitored and may result in delays in the program and are awaiting for the approval from the Department.
 - Orientation: Email and regular mail notifications will be sent to families to RSVP for the May 14th Orientation. Bebo suggested a follow-up phone call to confirm they make necessary arrangements for the 9:00am to 4:00pm trainings. Consumers may bring one guest and if applicable exceptions can be made to accommodate participants who may need additional guests. Communication for this Orientation will be sent Monday, April 29th. Cheryl and Victoria will be reviewing the materials with Sheila and assisting in making them much more consumer friendly and engaging. Julie informed everyone that she was working with Maria Marquez and several others to put together plain language Orientation materials and should be finalized soon. Bebo recommended working with the Consumers Advisory Committee for input.
 - Staff Trainings: Staff trainings are scheduled in the SFV office for May 6th and May 9th, AV staff will be trained on May 7th, and SC staff will have their training on May 13th.
- C. Action Items: Recommendation to incorporate DDS Self Determination updates with NLA's

monthly newsletter. Sandra requested Committee members continue to receive the newsletter sent to participants. Bebo requested a flow chart or cheat sheet be generated to assist in simplifying the process and what can be expected. Email reminders will be sent to committee members to volunteer with Orientations.

6. Committee Business (5 mins)

Committee input on NLACRC implementation

7. Announcements

Ruth announced that Autism Live has asked NLA to participate in a live stream interview regarding the SDP and she proposed to the committee if anyone may be interested in participating. Michelle and Victoria were volunteered and Michelle agreed.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by committee member, Jordan at 8:59 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2019

Submitted by

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NLACRC Staff