

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Government & Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2019

Present: Adam Breall, Marianne Davis, Jeremy Sunderland, and Curtis Wang – Committee Members
Raquel Armendariz and Michelle Heid – Legislative Educators
Orli Almog – Vendor Advisory Committee Representative
Sara Iwahashi, Liliana Windover, Michele Marra, and Jesse Weller – Staff Members

Absent: Sharoll Jackson, Caroline Mitchell, Evan Ingber

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introductions were made.

II. Public Input

Adam Breall announced that he is no longer receiving SSI and he is living totally independent on his salary as a receptionist. Adam is very grateful to the regional center for helping him to make it this far.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Item IV. F. was added to the agenda

M/S/C (A. Breall/C. Wang) To approve the agenda as modified.

B. Approval of Minutes from the October 16th Meeting

M/S/C (A. Breall/C. Wang) To approve the agenda as presented.

The minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Legislative Educators Report (Raquel Armendariz and Michelle Heid)

Raquel and Michelle provided copies of their written report, which included the following updates:

1. 25th Congressional District Special Election: Representative Kathie Hill of the 25th Congressional District announced her resignation. We are waiting for the Governor to announce when a special election will take place. Several candidates are considering a bid for the seat. Among these candidates are: State Assemblywoman Christy Smith, George Papadopoulos, and former congressman Steve Knight.
2. Legislative Update: The legislature is currently in recess, therefore it has been a great time to meet with our local legislators. They will reconvene on January 6th.
3. Bills: Information about bills were provided. Nothing has changed.
4. Rate Study and Associated Rate Models: There has been no information released regarding the rate study or rate models from DDS since March 2019.
5. Town Hall: We are planning to hold a town hall meeting on February 27th. We are still looking for a venue near the 14 freeway in Santa Clarita.
6. Community Events: A CSUN Resource Fair was held on October 20th and information was shared regarding the importance of voting.
7. Local Grass Roots Visits: Teams have been created and meetings are still being scheduled with Senator Stern, Senator Wilk, Senator Portantino, and Assembly Member Nazarian. Two visits were held yesterday and one was held today.

B. VICA & VIA Events (Sara Iwahashi)

Sara provided the committee with a list of upcoming events being held by the Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA) and the Valley Industry Association (VIA)

1. There will be an Extraordinary Women Leadership event hosted by VICA at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 19th. Two board members will be attending.
2. VICA has scheduled a Healthcare Committee meeting at noon on Thursday, December 12th. Dr. Carlo DeAntonio will be attending this committee on behalf of the center.

3. VICA will have their Annual Meeting at 11:30 a.m. on December 11th. Three board members will be in attendance.

C. Census Update (Sara Iwahashi)

Sara has been attending meetings held in downtown Los Angeles. She also provided the committee with a handout from Pathways to Advocacy which provides resources and a timeline of activities leading up to the April 2020 census.

D. Facebook Analytics/English & Spanish (Sara Iwahashi)

The monthly analytics reports were provided and reviewed with the committee. This month, the center used its Facebook page to provide information to the community about the center's closures due to the fires, public safety power shutoffs due to weather conditions, and other emergencies. This committee will focus on increasing our Spanish audience engagement. The committee requested the banner picture on the Spanish Facebook page be updated. The center's goal is to add Twitter and You Tube to our website.

E. Social Media (Michele Marra)

The center is working with Intellectual Property Practice to help us with our social media parameters and a conference call has been scheduled. Jeremy Sunderland would like to participate in the conference call. Michele will get back to him. Michele is very excited about our next evolution for the center's social media. It will be an amazing tool to expand recruitment for board members.

V. Board Meeting Agenda Items

The following items were identified for the committee's section of the January 15th board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of the November 13th Meeting
- B. Legislative Educators' Report

VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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