

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2019

Present: Elizabeth Badger, Erica Beall, Sara Iwahashi, Ellen Jannol, Michele Marra, Angelina Martinez, Evelyn McOmie, Caroline Mitchell, Kim Rolfes, Jeremy Sunderland (via teleconference), Nick Vukotic, and Jesse Weller - Committee Members
Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Member

Absent: John Brauer, Ruth Janka, and Todd Withers

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Michele Marra called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. and introductions were made.

II. Public Input – There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Item V.F. was added to the agenda.

M/S/C (A. Martinez/E. Beall) To approve the agenda as amended.

B. Approval of Minutes of August 5th Meeting

M/S/C (K. Rolfes/A. Martinez) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. 1st Quarter Report on CIE and PIP Activities

The report, ending September 30, 2019, reflected the following information:

1. Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE)

- a. 3 consumers were approved for the program.
- b. No additional service providers approved for the program.
- c. 2 incentive payments were made.

CIE incentive funds are paid to service providers after 30 days, 6 months, and 12 months of continuous employment of a consumer.

2. Paid Internship Program (PIP)

- a. 13 consumers approved for the program.
- b. No service providers were approved for the program.
- c. No incentive payments made.

PIP incentive payments reimburse service providers or employers up to \$10,400 per year of wages and benefits for each consumer placed in an internship.

B. 1st Quarter Report on Program Closures

Copies of the report were provided. Per the committee's request, the report now only includes information from the current fiscal year and the previous 2 fiscal years.

Fiscal Year	Program Closures	Consumers Impacted
2019-20	8	23
2018-19	49	76
2017-18	34	176
Total:	91	275

C. 1st Quarter Report on New Vendorizations

Copies of the report were provided. The center had a total of 37 new vendorizations during the first quarter of this fiscal year.

D. Health and Safety Waiver Exemption Submissions

For those service providers who are facing financial hardships due to inadequate rates, they can submit a health and safety waiver through the center to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) requesting a higher rate. During the first quarter of this fiscal year, 80 health and safety waivers were submitted with the following results: 57 requests were approved; 5 were denied; 2 were withdrawn; and 16 are still pending.

Action: The report will be corrected to include headers on the spreadsheet.

E. Regional Center Alternatives for Service Delivery

From time to time, the center develops a “637” proposal (based on AB 637) for a new way to provide services. 637 proposals provide regional centers with the opportunity to provide services in innovative ways and include the ability to waive regulations, but they must be cost-effective, go through a specific process, and require approval from DDS before they can be implemented. The policies and procedures for the Strategic Planning Committee identify its purpose as: “The SPC will identify gaps in the service delivery system and recommend alternatives to close these gaps.” The committee may identify service gaps in generic agencies within NLACRC’s catchment area that may require some systems advocacy, legislation or interagency coordination. As such, when the center develops future 637 proposals, they will be brought to this committee first before going to the Board of Trustees. Kim provided the committee with an informational handout on regional center alternatives for service delivery.

F. Performance Contract Update

Sara reported that DDS approved the center’s request to submit its 2020 performance contract a little late in order to have additional time to receive public input on it. Public meetings were held on September 26th and October 2nd and the attendance was higher than usual. Ellen Jannol and Nick Vukotic both attended a public meeting and felt that a lot of good feedback was given. Any and all comments made at the public meetings and public meeting outcomes are submitted to DDS along with the draft contract.

V. Board Meeting Agenda Items

The following item was identified for the committee’s section of the November board meeting agenda:

A. Approval of the Draft 2020 Performance Contract

The following remaining agenda items were identified for the committee’s section of the January board meeting:

B. Minutes of the November 4th Meeting

C. 1st Quarter Report on CIE and PIP Activities

- D. 1st Quarter Report on Program Closures
- E. 1st Quarter Report on New Vendorizations

VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. Next Meeting: Monday, February 3rd, at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Caroline adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Submitted by,

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