

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**

February 3, 2020

**Present:** Adam Breall, Sara Iwahashi, Ruth Janka, Ellen Jannol, Michele Marra, Evelyn McOmie, Kim Rolfes, and Jesse Weller - Committee Members  
Jennifer Kaiser – Staff Member

**Absent:** Erica Beall, John Brauer, Marianne Davis, Angelina Martinez, Caroline Mitchell, Jeremy Sunderland, Nick Vukotic, and Todd Withers

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**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

Michele Marra called the meeting to order at 7:15, in absence of the chair. Introductions were made. Michele welcomed new member Adam Breall to the committee!

**II. Public Input –** There was no public input.

**III. Consent Items**

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes of the November 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

The consent items could not be approved as a majority of the committee members (quorum) were not present.

**IV. Committee Business**

A. Performance Contract Updates

Regional centers receive data on their performance contracts twice a year, in June and in December, and also receive their year-end performance contract data each spring. Copies of the December 2018 data were provided and Sara reviewed it with those present. In reviewing the data, NLACRC strives to beat the statewide average and to continually improve its own numbers.

	Contract Goal	NLACRC	Statewide Average
1	Total number of consumers in a development center	.06%	.08%
2	Children residing with families	99.55%	99.44%
3	Adults residing in home setting	83.40%	80.84%

4	Adults residing in an adult family home	.45%	.95%
5	Adults residing in an independent living setting	9.89%	10.18%
6	Adults residing in the home of a parent or guardian	69.43%	64.42%
7	Adults residing in supported living setting	3.63%	5.29%
8	Children residing in facilities with 7 or more beds	.01%	.04%
9	Adults residing in facilities with 7 or more beds	2.65%	2.15%
10	Consumers with current client development evaluation report (CDER)	98.72%	98.35%
11	Duration of time in intake process (under 142 days)	98.53%	97.51%

Sara explained that in the areas where NLACRC did not do as good as the statewide average (1, 9, 10, and 11) it is due, in part, to a lack of resources and higher rents in our catchment area. Also, for number 11, Sara pointed out that NLACRC's number of intakes is significantly higher than other centers. Inland Regional Center, which is the largest of the 21 centers, had 921 intakes and NLACRC had 869; the next highest number was from South Central LA Regional Center which had 564 intakes during that same period.

B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report on CIE and PIP Activities

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report reflected the following information:

1. Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE)

- a. 34 consumers were approved for the program.
- b. No additional service providers approved for the program.
- c. 7 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. 11 consumers approved for the program.
- b. No service providers were approved for the program.
- c. 18 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.

Evelyn asked the committee to disregard the number in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter column of the PIP report; it's an error.

C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report on Program Closures

Copies of the report were provided, which shows data from the current fiscal year and the last 2 previous fiscal years.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Program Closures</b>	<b>Consumers Impacted</b>
2019-20	9	23
2018-19	49	76
2017-18	34	176
<b>Total:</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>275</b>

D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report on New Vendorizations

Copies of the report were provided. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, the center had a total of 10 new vendorizations.

E. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 82 health and safety waivers were submitted with the following results: 57 requests were approved; 5 were denied; 2 were withdrawn; and 18 are still pending.

V. **Board Meeting Agenda Items**

The following items were identified for the committee's section of the February 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report on CIE and PIP Activities

- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report on Program Closures
- D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report on New Vendorizations
- E. Update on Health and Safety Waiver Exemption Submissions

## VI. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. NLACRC's Legislative Town Hall: Is going to be held Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at Bella Vida senior center in Santa Clarita. Networking will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please attend! To RSVP, call (818) 778-5011.
- B. Next Meeting: Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

## VII. Adjournment

Michele adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

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