

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Government & Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes – Via Zoom
April 22, 2020

Present: Nicholas Abrahms, Ivette Arriaga, Dena Bogrow, Christina Cannarella, Leticia Garcia, Gabriela Herrera, Sharoll Jackson, Claudia Picerni, Jeremy Sunderland, and Curtis Wang - Committee Members
Marianne Davis – Board Member
Orli Almog- Vendor Advisory Committee Representative
Raquel Armendariz and Michelle Heid – Legislative Educators
Maria Bosch, Evan Ingber, Ruth Janka, Jennifer Kaiser, Michele Marra, Kim Rolfes, and Jesse Weller – Staff Members

Absent: Caroline Mitchell

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Jeremy Sunderland, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and introductions were made.

II. Public Input – There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Revised Agenda

The revised agenda was approved as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes from the March 18th Meeting

The minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. State of the State – Legislative Advocacy – Impact of COVID-19

The governor announced that all previous funding proposals are now off the table and the focus now is on COVID-19, wildfires, and homelessness. In addition, the May Revise will show less revenue because the tax deadline was postponed from April to July and we are anticipating that this will impact our FY 2020-21 operations budget. As a center, we need to be aware and prepare.

1. Legislative Bill File: The March 13th bill track was provided, which included high priority legislation, lower impact legislation, and dead bills.
2. Portrait of the Community: This project is being deferred.
3. Legislative Bill Tracking: (See Section IV.A.1. above.)
4. Support Letters for SB 920 and AB 2024 – Deferred
5. AB 2634 – Additional Information about the Benefits - Deferred
6. Board Approved Talking Points – Deferred

B. Legislative Educators' Report

The written report was provided and Michelle Heid reviewed the following highlights:

1. Legislative Update: The California legislature voted to adjourn from March 20th until April 13th and later extended the date until May 4th. The vote to adjourn came after they approved a \$1.1 billion relief package to help support hospitals, facilities, local governments, and schools due to COVID-19. Members of the Senate and Assembly remain in their home districts during this time.
2. Budget Process: Almost all new January 2020 budget proposals will not be heard as the Governor will be focusing on COVID-19 related costs, wildfire prevention, and homelessness. With the delay in personal income taxes to July 15th, the legislature may have a difficult time projecting state revenue until August.
3. NLACRC Grass Roots Visits: A virtual meeting was held with Assembly Member Nazarian and the focus of the conversation shifted to how our community has been impacted by COVID-19. We shared our current issues with him and he acknowledged that we have his continued support.
4. Legislative Calendar: The current health crisis may prevent the legislature from reconvening on May 4th as currently projected. The state budget for FY 2020-21 must be passed by midnight on June 15th.

5. Bills: It is likely that all policy bills, now stalled in the regular bill process, are dead for this legislative session except those that deal directly with the current health crisis, wildfire prevention, and homelessness.
6. COVID-19 Related Resources for Consumers and Families: There are many online resources for information and support during this health crisis and Michelle listed several of them in her report.

Action: Michelle Heid will email the Governor's position on ventilators to Jennifer so she can forward it to the committee.

C. NLACRC Facebook Pages

1. Link between the two pages (English and Spanish): Our English page now has a link to get to the Spanish page and the Spanish page has a link to get to the English page.
2. We are unable to link the 2 Facebook pages at this time, but maybe we will be able to at a later date.
3. Ways to increase male followers: We are looking into ways to increase interest by posting information about males in the developmental disabilities system (e.g. Denny Amundson, Frank Lanterman, Marty Omoto). We will also reach out to the ICC and men's group to ask for their input.
4. Facebook analytics: Sara reviewed the analytics with the committee.

V. **Board Meeting Agenda Items**

The following items were identified for the committee's section of the May 13th board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of the April 22nd Meeting
- B. Legislative Educators' Report
- C. Approval of Changes to Social Media Policy

VI. **Announcements / Information / Public Input**

- A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 20th, at 7:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

VII. Adjournment

Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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