

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
March 4, 2020

**Present:** Bill Abramson, Pam Aiona, Josefina Hernandez, and Cynthia Samano – CAC Members  
Jason Girard, Melinda Tannan, Rich Alpert, Christopher A., Gerardo DeLacerda, Valeria Hernandez, Rosa Felix, Crystal Cortes, Jessica Gould, Beatriz, Gloria Gonzalez, Katie Ruiz-Leon, Caroline Mitchell, Emigdia Rosales, and Raquel Armendariz - Guests  
Juan Hernandez and Jose Rodriguez - Staff

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**1. Call to Order & Introductions**

Caroline Mitchell, CAC chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

**2. Public Input (3 minutes)**

There was no public input.

**3. Consent Items**

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes from the February 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting

The agenda and minutes were approved as presented.

**4. Committee Business**

- A. Presentation: Your Rights (Melinda Tannan, Modern Support Services)

Melinda Tannan gave a presentation on consumer rights.

- B. Legislative Advocacy Trips to Sacramento

Each year, members of the Board of Trustees, Vendor Advisory Committee, and Consumer Advisory Committee are asked to sign up to participate in 1 of the 3 upcoming legislative advocacy trips to Sacramento:

1. ARCA Grassroots Day (April 20-21)
2. Developmental disabilities public policy conference (April 27-29)
3. NLACRC community trip (sometime in May)

Information about the trips and an application form were provided. Any members interested should complete an application form and submit it to Jennifer Kaiser at [jkaiser@nlacrc.org](mailto:jkaiser@nlacrc.org).

C. Training/Presentation Calendar for FY 2019-20

Copies of the updated CAC training/presentation calendar were provided. The discussion for next month's meeting will be voting.

D. Event Calendar

Information on 6 upcoming local events were provided.

E. Review Agenda for Board of Trustees Meeting

Copies of the agenda for the March 11<sup>th</sup> NLACRC Board meeting were provided and reviewed. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the center's main office in Chatsworth.

**5. Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting**

The following item was identified for the CAC's section of the March 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes from the March 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**6. Announcements / Information / Public Input**

A. CAC Attendance Sheet

Updated attendance sheets are always sent out with the meeting packets. Anyone can attend the meetings but consumers who attend **4 CAC meetings in a row** become actual CAC members. So far, Bill Abramson, Pam Aiona, Josefina Hernandez, Monroe Jones, and Cynthia Samano are official CAC members.

B. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.

**7. Adjournment**

Caroline adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m. and everyone enjoyed a Mexican lunch together.

Submitted by,

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