

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes – Via Zoom
May 20, 2020

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

Absent: Caroline Mitchell, Claudia Picerni, Marianne Davis

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Jeremy Sunderland called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., in Caroline Mitchell's absence, and roll call was taken.

II. Public Input – There was no public input.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (O. Almog/C. Cannarella) To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Approval of Minutes of Minutes from the March 18th Meeting

M/S/C (O. Almog/C. Cannarella) To approve the minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Clinical Data re: Consumer Statistics (Ruth)

During the last meeting, this committee review the 3rd Quarterly Diagnostic Report for FY 2019-20. Questions were asked to see if there is a way we can identify individuals with multiple diagnoses. Ruth consulted with Dr. Carlos De Antonio, our Clinical Services Director and it was reported that we have the ability to obtain this information using our CDER data. We can also identify individuals by age range and impact rating (mild, moderate, severe, profound and unspecified.) These data is very important because it will help us to develop more services planning based on their age range and impact rating.

Action: Ruth will meet with Jose Camacho, Case Management Administrative Assistant to generate this report, and report back to this committee.

B. Draft Committee Critical Calendar for FY 2020-21 (Ruth)

The draft critical calendar was presented. During the months of October and November 2020 and March 2021, we will have some Board Audit Questions for discussion. Ruth reported that this is one of the functions of this committee to ensure that our Service Standards are consistent with the Lanterman Act in order to meet the needs of the individuals we served. This committee will have a lot of input when we receive our new budget and Trailer Bill implementation.

C. Monthly Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) Report (Maria)

The goal for this fiscal year is to place our last remaining consumer at Fairview Developmental Center, 5 remaining consumers out of Porterville Developmental Center, and 2 consumers out of Canyon Springs. The Center has been able to do 3 placements, however there have not been transition activities since March 16, 2020 due the “shelter in place” order. Good news is that all Developmental Centers are closed with the exception of Porterville and Canyon Springs. The center is also moving along with our developments and some of them are in target to open at the end of this month.

1. Board Audit: Ensure CPP Goals are being met

As reported by Maria the CPP goals are being met

D. Self-Determination Program (SDP) Update (Dr. Weller)

1. SDP Staffing: We have a SDP supervisor, Silvia Renteria-Haro who will start officially on Monday, June 1st. She’s currently an Adult Case Management Supervisor. We have also hired 2 SDP Specialists for the San Fernando Office, Joshua Kaplan and Dianne Lotivio, and 1 SDP Specialist for the Antelope Valley Office, Debbie Rombeau who is also a consumer service coordinator. We are currently working on the transition plan and they will be introduce to the SDP Advisory Committee scheduled on Thursday, May 21st.

2. SDP Advisory Committee: The next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 pm. One of the topics for discussion is the allocation received and how we want these funds to be prioritized to help with the implementation of the self-determination program (recruitment, training for families, local advisories, technical assistant, orientations from speakers and

presenters, etc.). NLACRC was allocated \$109,258.

3. SDP Materials for Orientation: We are looking at having all these materials up and running by the end of June.
4. SDP Participants: Currently we have 6 active SDP participants and 2 more to go live in June. 37 participants are in the budget process.

E. Proposed Policy: Older Adult Services & Supports – Deferred

V. Chief of Program Services Report (Dr. Jesse Weller/Cristina Preuss/Emmanuel Gutierrez)

A. Cafecito Entre Nos and Aprendiendo Entre Nos Meetings

Cristina Preuss reported that these meetings have been well attended. During the last month we had a total of 140 participants. We also have the collaboration of the Integrated Community Collaborative group and the Family Resource Center. Monica Munguia, Educational Advocate presented a lot of information regarding the school district and whom the parents need to call now the schools are closed for their IEP assessments. We are currently in the process of developing a satisfaction survey for the families that have received support through the parent mentor program. The next Cafecito Entre Nos will take place on June 5th and the Aprendiendo Entre Nos meeting will be on June 11th.

B. Group de Hombres Meetings

Emmanuel Gutierrez reported that this group meets every month either before or after Cafecito. During the last meeting one of the topic for discussion was the Festival Educational event. Every January we have this event, however it was postponed to May 2020 due to logistic reasons. There was a discussion how we can held this meeting due to the circumstances. Other topic for discussion was how we can reach out consumers who do not have access to the internet and how we can increase our male followers in our Facebook page.

C. Meeting with Services Providers regarding “Return to Work” Directives

Dr. Weller reported that last week the center met with our Early Start Services Providers to discuss the “Return to Work” Governor’s directives, how to develop a plan, service delivery goals, requirements, and questions our service providers may have about “the new normal.” We also had a meeting with our Individualized Service providers and we will be meeting with our Day Programs-Community Based

Programs and Independent Living/Supported Living Services providers. A PowerPoint presentation has been provided during these meetings to facilitate the discussion among our providers.

Action: Feedback provided during these meeting will be discussed at the next Vendor Advisory Committee scheduled on Thursday, June 4th.

VI. Board Meeting Agenda Items

The following items were identified for the committee's section of the June 10th's board meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of the May 20th Meeting

VII. Announcements / Information Items / Public Input

- A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 15th at 6:00 pm (via Zoom)

VIII. Adjournment

Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Submitted by:

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