

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Via Zoom)
March 6th, 2024

Present: Bill Abramson, Jose Rodriguez, Destry Walker, Pamela Aiona, Juan Hernandez, – Committee Members

Lesly Forbes, Alex Phuong, Marianita Mendezl, Minutes Services – Guests

Cristina Preuss, Santos Rodriguez, Kimberly Visokey – Staff

Absent: George Alvarado

I. Call to Order & Introductions

J. Hernandez called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm, and introductions were made by all committee members, staff, and guests.

II. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (B. Abramson/P. Aiona) To approve the Agenda. Motion **passed**.

B. Approval of Minutes from February 7th, 2024 Meeting

Action Item: K. Visokey will make the following corrections to the February 7th, 2024, minutes: Jennifer Coster should be listed as a CAC member. The chairman, George, should be listed as absent. He was also listed as making a report, which should be removed.

M/S/C (D. Walker, P. Aiona) To approve the January 3rd, 2024 minutes as amended. Motion **passed**.

III. Committee Business

A. Grass Roots Teams

J. Rodriguez stated that they are looking for members to participate in the Grass Roots Teams effort. The Team talks with local legislators about relevant items like the budget. Members were sent an email with more information.

B. Approval of Flyer

J. Rodriguez presented the flyer to the committee for approval.

M/S/C (B. Abramson, P. Aiona) To approve the flyer as presented and send it to the Board. Motion **passed**.

C. Chair Board Meeting Report – George A.

This item was deferred because George was not present.

D. Training Presentation Calendar – J. Rodriguez

J. Rodriguez shared the upcoming events and changes on the Training Presentation Calendar.

E. Abilities Expo Reports

J. Rodriguez shared the flyer for the Abilities Expo. Details of the event were discussed. The food at the event will likely be expensive. Wristbands will be used for the Expo. J. Hernandez proposed that the Outreach Committee provide feedback on the event.

F. Feedback of ORCA Financial Presentation – J. Rodriguez

J. Rodriguez asked the committee members for input on the financial presentation that was conducted earlier in the day. J. Hernandez stated that he appreciated the interactive nature of the presentation. B. Abramson stated that there was good information shared during the presentation. L. Forbes proposed that facial recognition or thumbprints are used in place of

passwords. J. Rodriguez proposed bringing this idea up to the Board for consideration.

IV. Identify Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting

A. Minutes from the March 6, 2024 Meeting

J. Hernandez proposed discussing the requirements for becoming a committee member. If someone misses three consecutive meetings, they will no longer be a committee member. K. Visokey will confirm the terms of being a committee member for the next meeting.

Action Item: K. Visokey will confirm the terms of being a committee member for the next meeting.

V. Announcements/Information/Public Input

A. Partners in Policy-Making Advocacy Training

C. Preuss shared an opportunity for individuals to enhance and expand their advocacy skills and act as an ambassador. There will be five sessions, four virtual and one in-person. There is a link in the flyer to get more information.

B. Self-Advocacy Academy Calendar

J. Rodriguez shared the flyer with the upcoming self-advocacy events and encouraged members to attend and learn more about the Self-Advocacy group.

C. Community Learning Forums

J. Rodriguez shared the flyer with a schedule of upcoming events related to community learning. Members were encouraged to share the information with others. C. Preuss stated that a combination of staff and external entities provides these forums.

D. Walker shared that a walkathon will be held on March 16th from 9 am to 11 am.

D. Next Meeting April 3, 2024

No discussion.

E. Attendance Sheet

No discussion.

VI. Adjournment

J. Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 3:46 pm.

Submitted by:

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Kimberly Visokey

Executive Administrative Assistant

(The majority of these minutes are taken from the Minutes Service submission and reviewed/edited as presented herein by NLACRC staff.*

