

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2023

Present: Ana Quiles, David Coe, Brian Gatus, Lillian Martinez, Andrew Ramirez, Rocio Sigala, Leticia Garcia - Committee Members

Ruth Janka, Evelyn McOmie, Vini Montague, Arezo Abedi, Kimberly Vokey – Staff Members

Victoria Berrey - Family Focus Resource Center, Richard Dier- SDLVAC, Lori Walker - SDLVAC, Jon Francis - SDLVAC, Claudia Wenger - Claudia Cares, Soccoro Curameng, Miriam Erberich, Jasmine Barrios -Minutes Services - Guests

Absent:

I. Call to Order

Ana Quiles called the meeting to order at 6:44 pm.

II. Public Input

Richard Dier, the co-chair of the NLA Self- Determination Advisory Committee, shared a letter that he sent to NLA regarding the recent announcement of the departure of the Executive Director.

Victoria Berrey, from Family Focus Resource Center, expressed her opinion that a stakeholder meeting should be convened to gather input regarding the Executive Director search. She also proposed consumer representation in the Recruitment Committee.

Lori Walker, co-chair of the NLA Self-Determination Advisory Committee, asked that the Committee consider an Executive Director candidate who has an interest in the Self-Determination Program and will continue to support the program for consumers.

Jon Francis, from the Self-Determination Advisory Committee, thanked Ruth Janka for her contributions to NLA and requested as much transparency as possible in the recruitment process.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Ana added Negotiating Committee Update and Recruitment Committee Update as Items A and B, respectively, to the Committee Business section of the agenda.

M/S/C (L. Martinez/A. Ramirez) To approve the agenda as revised.

- B. Approval of Minutes of November 30th meeting - deferred

IV. Committee Business

- A. Board Dinner

The Committee reviewed and discussed information on two options for the Board Dinner and subsequent retreat, as presented in the packet.

M/S/C (R. Sigala/L. Martinez) To approve the Sheraton as the location for the Board Dinner and Retreat.

- B. Recruitment Committee Update

The Recruitment Plan draft was sent to the Committee for review and is presented in the packet. This plan needs to be approved for submission to DDS.

M/S/C (L. Martinez/A. Ramirez) To approve the Recruitment Plan as presented for submission to DDS.

- C. Negotiating Committee Update

Negotiating Committee will be responsible for selecting an interim Executive Director, and updates will be provided as they become available.

V. Executive Session

- A. Negotiating Committee Update
B. Recruitment Committee Update

M/S/C (L. Martinez/ D. Coe) To enter the Executive Session at 6:57 pm

M/S/C (A. Ramirez/B. Gatus) To exit the Executive Session at 7:41 pm

VI. Review of Meeting Action Items

- A. Make arrangements with the Sheraton Hotel to host the Board Dinner/Retreat (Board Support/Vini Montague)
B. Submit the approved Recruitment Plan Draft to DDS. (Parita Burmee)
C. Negotiating Committee Executive Session updates to be sent to HR (Board Support)

VII. Board Meeting Agenda Items

The following items were identified for the Committee's section of the next Board Meeting agenda:

- A. Minutes of the November 30th Meeting
B. Minutes of the December 14th Meeting

VIII. Announcements / Information Items / Public Input

- A. Orientaciones de autodeterminación, December 18, 2023 at 9:00 am
- B. Virtual Cafecito Entre Nos, January 11, 2024 at 11:00am
- C. SDP Independent Facilitator Round Table, January 11, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Richard Dier stated that he does not feel that the Committee is providing adequate information on the recruitment process to the public. Ana Quiles clarified that the Executive Committee is not making decisions on recruitment and that the Committee is voting to approve decisions made by the Recruitment Committee.

IX. Adjournment

Ana Quiles, Committee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

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

