

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Via Zoom)**  
June 5, 2024

**Present:** George Alvarado, Santos Rodrigues, Juan Hernandez, Destry Walker – Committee Members

Michelle Heid, Andrew Garcia, Alex Phuong, Jennifer Koster, Nicholas Mendoza, Marianita Mendezl - Guests

Cristina Preuss, Jose Rodriguez, Santos Rodriguez, Kimberly Visokey – Staff

**Absent:** Pamela Aiona, Bill Abramson

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**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

G. Alvarado called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm

**II. Committee Business**

A. Budget Update – Michelle Heid

Michelle detailed the legislative process for implementing changes in California, specifically focusing on the budget cycle and the role of regional centers. She elaborated on the current budget deficit, priority issues such as preventing drastic cuts to the Dds budget, and the impacts of the May Revise on various social services. Michelle also highlighted upcoming bills, including those aiming to standardize and improve programs, and proposed changes to the Lanterman Act. Lastly, she provided updates on service provider rate models and recommended resources for staying informed about legislative developments.

B. Chair Board Meeting Report – George A. (Deferred)

C. Review of the 2024-25 Critical Calendar.

D. July Gathering Discussion

The team planned a potluck event to be held on June 3rd during their regular meeting. Each member committed to bringing a dish. They also discussed future meeting formats, agreeing on a hybrid model, and the need for business cards. They also considered having an employment specialist present at the informal July gathering.

**III. Consent Items**

A. Approval of Agenda  
**M/S/C** To approve the Agenda. Motion **passed**.

B. Approval of Minutes from May 1, 2024 Meeting

**M/S/C** To approve the May 1, 2024 minutes. Motion **passed**.

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

A. Minutes from the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, meeting

**V. Announcements/Information/Public Input**

- A. Flyers Attached
- a. Community Learning Forums
  - b. Self-Advocacy Academy Calendar
  - c. Self-Advocacy Academy Internet Safety
  - d. Disaster Preparedness Fair
  - e. NLACRC Expo
  - f. Take Action LA County
- B. Next meeting August 7, 2024
- C. Attendance sheet

**VI. Adjournment**

G. Alvarado adjourned the meeting at 4:36 pm.

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.*

