

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2025

Present: Nicholas Abrahms, Cathy Blin, Anna Hurst, Jennifer Koster, Laura Monge, Sharon Weinberg– **Committee Members**

Evelyn McOmie, Lindsay Granger, Silvia Renteria-Haro, Dana Lawrence – **Staff Members**

Tresa Oliveri – DDS Tech Advisor, Marianita Mendez – DDS, Lori Walker, Hortencia Garcia, Victoria Berrey, Reyna Rodriguez - **Guests**

Absent: Laura Monge and Anna Hurst

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Evelyn McOmie called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

II. Committee Member Attendance/Quorum

III. Agenda – Review and Approval of Agenda

- A. Item VIII. E Semi-annual Consumer Diagnostic Report (Item VIII. E.) will be deferred.
- B. Item VIII. F. Semi-annual NOAs by Ethnicity/Location/Services & Age Range Report (*July-December*) services will be deferred.
- C. Item VIII. G. Semi-annual NOAs by Ethnicity/Location/Services & Age Range Report (*January-June 2024*) services will be deferred.
- D. Item VIII. L 2nd Quarter NOAs/Appeals Report (*October-December*) will be deferred.
- E. Item VIII. M 4th Quarter NOAs/Appeals Report (*April – June*) will be deferred.
- F. Item VIII. N 1st Quarter NOAs/Appeals Report (*July-September*) will be deferred.
- G. Evelyn will be providing the update on action items VII. A. to VII. C. instead of Angela Pao-Johnson.

IV. Public Input

Lori Walker spoke regarding the self-determination program, with Lori expressing excitement about its inclusion in the committee's priorities. Lori Walker highlighted ongoing barriers to its implementation and updating the SDP portion of the North Los Angeles County Regional Center website.

V. Consent Items

- A. Approval of Agenda with
- B. Approval of Minutes with amendments from the November 24, 2024, Meeting
 - a. There will be two corrections made to the meeting minutes by correcting the misspelling of Vivian Seda and Victoria Berrey.

M/S/C (Sharon Weinberg/Cathy Blin) To approve the Consent Items with the corrections made to the minutes.

VI. Committee Business - Evelyn McOmie

A. Volunteer to Serve as Committee Chair—Evelyn McOmie

- a. Jennifer Koster was elected to tentatively serve as chair of the Consumer Services Committee Meeting, and Nicholas Abrahms was elected to Co-Chair and back up/alternate chair.

M/S/C (Sharon Weinberg/Cathy Blin) To approve Jennifer Koster and Nicholas Abrahms as Co-Chairs for the Consumer Services Committee.

B. Board Audit Question: Has the Board Properly referred Service Standards issues to this committee? – Evelyn McOmie

- Evelyn McOmie noted that this committee has responsibly updated service standards to reflect changes according to legislative updates, mandates, and guidance from the department.
- There was discussion on why the board audit questions are in found in policy, but current policies are being reviewed and revised these audit questions will be temporarily.

VII. Committee Action Items

A. Update re: Meeting with Lori Walker and Angela Pao-Johnson to review SDP Policy vs. Operational Issues- Angela Pao-Johnson

Evelyn McOmie provided an update on this action item. During public input, Lori Walker provided an update on the meeting with Angela Pao-Johnson. Silvia Renteria-Haro provided an update on the direction SDP will be moving and information on upcoming website changes.

B. Update on having FMS pay parents directly for pending social recreational / non-medical therapy reimbursements

Evelyn McOmie provided an update on the FMS pay for parents. On March 1st the FMS vendor with NLACRC, Miji, will be processing all parent payments directly. Also, all CSC's are going through the ARCA Social Recreation. training. There is currently a lot of movement for social recreation and non-medical therapy reimbursements.

C. Review suggested topics and determine feasibility for next agenda

Evelyn McOmie presented that no suggestions were submitted for this committee's agenda. Sharon Weinberg and Cathy Blin noted that there was not much information on consumers that are in residential placements and suggested potentially discussing this further in future meetings.

D. Updated flyer with extended deadlines for employment video casting call

Evelyn McOmie presented the new updated flyers with the extended deadlines as requested at the last committee meeting.

VII. Committee Report Updates

A. Semi-annual Purchase of Service (POS) Expenditure Data Reports – (Angela Pao-Johnson)

Evelyn McOmie reported on the semi-annual Purchase of Service (POS) Expenditure Data Reports. North Los Angeles will be presented to the community on March 25th. The top five expenditures were noted: personal assistance, in-home respite, infant development, community integration, and adaptive skills. The data was broken down by amount, per capita, the expenditures, ethnicity, by individual and by valley.

B. Self-Determination Program Report and

C. SDLVAC Board Liaison Report – Silvia Renteria-Haro

Sylvia Renteria-Haro provided updates on the Self-Determination Program (SDP) and the SDP Local Advisory Committee Liaison Report. She reported that there 507 participants fully enrolled in the self-determination program since the beginning, and now there are 1,081 participants that attended the orientation. There were 28 transitions over the past two months of 2025. SDP is currently looking for a board liaison for the SDP local volunteer advisory committee.

D. Semi-annual Consumer Competitive Employment Report

Evelyn McOmie presented that there were 105 individuals, who gained employment from the last to this current reporting period. Up until December 2024 the total aggregate was 2,436 individuals with employment.

E. Semi-annual Consumer Diagnostic Report – **Deferred**

F. Semi-annual NOAs by Ethnicity/Location/Services & Age Range Report (July – December 2024) – **Services Deferred**

Evelyn McOmie presented the semi-annual NOAs report by ethnicity, location, and age range for July-December 2024, explaining that there were issues pulling the data for the Services due to the search engine.

G. Semi-annual NOAs by Ethnicity/Location/Services & Age Range Report (January -June 2024) – **Services Deferred**

Evelyn McOmie presented the semi-annual NOAs report by ethnicity, location, and age range for January-June 2024, explaining that there were issues pulling the data for the Services due to the search engine.

H. Semi-annual 4731 Report

Dana Lawrence presented the Semi-annual 4731 reports and addressed the 23 violations and the investigations.

I. Social Recreation, Camp, and Non-Medical Therapies

Evelyn McOmie presented the Social Recreation, Camp & Non-Medical Therapies Services the fiscal report over a period of 3 fiscal years and reported the payments that have been made.

J. 2nd Quarter Intake Data by Location Report (October-December)

Evelyn McOmie presented the intake data, highlighting the decline in the number of reports that went over 120-day period. This was a result of the regional center's ability to bring on

additional psychologists to assist with the evaluations.

K. 2nd Quarter Disparity Committee Report (October-December)

Evelyn McOmie presented the reported noting the topics of discussion: emergency preparedness, competitive employment opportunities for individuals and efforts to connect with businesses, schools and support groups, and healthcare access for individuals and families. The discussion revolved around supporting families and medical professionals.

L. 2nd Quarter NOAs/Appeals Report – **Deferred**

M. 4th Quarter NOAs/Appeals Report – **Deferred**

N. 1st Quarter NOAs/Appeals Report (July-September) – **Deferred**

VIII. Meeting Action Item Review

- Board Support will update the Committees List to reflect that Jennifer Koster and Nicholas Abrahms will be co-chairs on the committee.
- Evelyn McOmie and Lindsay Granger will assist Jennifer Koster with preparing the Committee Chair Report for the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting.

IX. Future topic suggestions for CSC meetings:

X. Announcements / Information Items / Public Input

A. Committee Attendance

B. Next Meeting: Wednesday April 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.