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## **MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** June 4, 2025

**To:** **Consumer Advisory Committee:** Juan Hernandez (chair), Bill Abramson, Pam Aiona, George Alvarado, Jennifer Koster, Elena Tiffany, Destry Walker

**From:** Lindsay Granger, Executive Administrative Assistant

**Subject:** The next CAC Meeting: Wednesday, June 4, 2024, at 3:00pm

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Hello everyone!

Attached is information for this week's CAC meeting. Please review this information prior to the meeting and bring it with you to the meeting.

If you have any questions or if you are unable to attend the meeting, please let me know. I can be reached at (818) 452-4743 or at [BoardSupport@nlacrc.org](mailto:BoardSupport@nlacrc.org).

Thank you!

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87280164927?pwd=d7rGgXtQqF7o3ZEeVfgAb306sApRFT.1>

**Meeting ID: 872 8016 4927**

**Passcode: 480150**

**Attachments:**  
**Meeting Packet**

*Supporting people with developmental disabilities in the San Fernando, Santa Clarita, and Antelope Valleys since 1974.*

## Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting 6.4.25

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## **CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 3:00 p.m.**

Virtual Zoom

**~ AGENDA ~**

- 1. Call to Order & Introductions**
- 2. Agenda – Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Public Input for Agenda**
- 4. Consent Items**
  - A. Approval of meeting minutes on May 7, 2025
- 5. Action Items**
  - A. Approval of Draft Critical Calendar for Next Fiscal Year – Juan Hernandez
- 6. Committee Business**
  - A. OCRA Presentation on Budget Update – Erica Rodriguez
  - B. Update on CAC Marketing Campaign – Chris Whitlock
  - C. Community Events Update – Belinda Abatesi
  - D. CAC Chair Report – Juan Hernandez
  - E. CAC Training Calendar – Jose Rodriguez
- 7. Action Items and Meeting Minutes**
- 8. Announcements / Information / Public Input**
  - A. Next meeting August 7, 2025
  - B. Attendance sheet
- 9. Adjournment**

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Via Zoom)**  
May 7, 2025

**Present:** Juan Hernandez, Jennifer Koster, Elena Tiffany– **Committee Members**

Jacqueline Gaytan – DDS, Lety Garcia, Nicholas Mendoza, Elena Tiffany,  
Erica Rodriguez – OCRA Clients’ Rights Advocate, Marianita Mendez – DDS,  
- **Guests**

Angela Pao-Johnson, Santos Rodriguez, Jose Rodriguez, Chris Whitlock,  
Natima Nelly – OCRA, Erica Rodriguez – OCRA, Lindsay Granger, Belinda  
Abatesi– **Staff**

**Absent:** Destry Walker, George Alvarado, Bill Abramson, Pam Aionia

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The meeting opened with **OCRA Presentation on Moving Into the Community** – Erica Rodriguez Clients’ Rights Advocate with OCRA gave the presentation.

**1. Call to Order & Introductions**

- A. Committee Chair and Board of Trustees President, Juan Hernandez called the meeting to order at 3:10pm.
- B. Juan Hernandez read the civility code and started introductions.

**2. Agenda**

Without quorum there could not be approval of the agenda.

**3. Public Input**

There was no public input.

**4. Consent Items**

- A. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2025 Meeting

Without quorum there could not approval of the meeting minutes from the April 2, 2025, meeting.

**4. Action Items**

- A. Approval to Add a CAC Meeting in June

Without quorum there could not be approval of the meeting minutes from

## 5. Committee Business

- A. OCRA Presentation on Moving Into the Community – Erica Rodriguez  
Erica Rodriguez and Natima Nelly gave this presentation at the start of the meeting.
- B. Update on CAC Marketing Campaign – Chris Whitlock  
Chris Whitlock presented an update on the CAC Marketing Campaign. Public Information is still waiting to receive all the photo release forms. A sample was presented to the committee members, explaining that an actual image would be used along with the same quotes. The information will be spread using multiple methods including emails, printed flyers, and the lobby loops.
- C. Update on Communication to Consumers – Chris Whitlock  
Chris Whitlock shared an update on communication to consumers. Public Information is currently working on gathering all the information from consumers regarding their preferences on physical mailers, digital communications, and presented options with different platforms.

Committee Chair, Juan Hernandez, asked for elaboration on these different platforms. Chris Whitlock explained that this is a CRM for individuals to set their preferences for physical or digital forms of communication to ensure proper delivery to members of the community. Digital communication can be tracked, and the progress can be monitored. Also, a QR code was suggested as a way to track the physical mailers.

- D. NLACRC Local Delegation Team – Belinda Abatesi  
Belinda Abatesi noted that the local grassroots delegation team has been actively engaged in advocacy efforts. On April 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> the team met with Assemblyman Lackey and Assemblywoman Schiavo to advocate for policies supporting individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and service providers. During these events, the team was able to raise concerns around workforce shortages and service access funding gaps. Belinda Abatesi noted that during the NLACRC office visits with Assemblyman Lackey and Assemblywoman Schiavo, NLACRC Executive Director, Angela Pao-Johnson engaged in meaningful conversation, exploring the legislative issues impacting the community both locally and across the state. The podcast episodes on these conversations are available on the NLACRC YouTube channel for anyone interested.
- E. Community Events Update – Belinda Abatesi  
Belinda Abatesi shared an update on upcoming community events, including the Supported Life Institute 29<sup>th</sup> Annual California Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference on Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> through Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>. The times are from 9:00 am to 8:00pm on Friday and 9:00am to 3:45pm on Saturday. The location and registration link were shared for anyone interested in attending. VICA will

be having a Government Affairs Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00pm-2:00pm. The location is still to be determined. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, VICA will also have a Congressional Breakfast for those interested in attending. The registration links for both events were provided for those interested in attending. The Legislative Breakfast will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-11:30am. The event will soon be announced on NLACRC's social media platforms and website. There will be a formal registration process. Space is limited, so Belinda Abatesi asked that committee members please keep an eye out for the announcement.

F. May Revise – Belinda Abatesi

Belinda Abatesi announced that the May Revise is expected to be released by May 14<sup>th</sup>. The update serves as a revision to the initial budget proposal, which was released in January and reflects the State's latest revenue projections following the April tax filing deadline. The May revision outlines updated funding proposals across key areas, such as medical, education, infrastructure, and services for individuals with developmental disabilities. It also helps as a guide for final budget negotiations for legislators before the June 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional deadline to pass the state budget. Links were provided in the meeting packet for those interested in more detailed information and updates.

Jose Rodriguez asked who the individual would be to handle information on the budget. Chris Whitlock said that Belinda Abatesi would be handling this moving forward.

G. Update on NLACRC Call Directory System – Angela Pao-Johnson

Angela Pao-Johnson gave an update on the NLACRC Call Directory System with increased efforts to enhance NLACRC's responsiveness. Currently, NLACRC is exploring different methods to address this including a potential ticketing system. Also, NLACRC is exploring potentially having just one number to avoid confusion when routing calls. More updates will come in the months ahead.

H. CAC Chair Report – Juan Hernandez

Juan Hernandez provided the committee with an update from the previous Board of Trustees meeting. The Administrative Affairs and Executive Committees will now be stacked and meet on the last Thursday of every month. NLACRC's revised Bylaws were sent up to DDS for approval before being finalized.

I. CAC Training Calendar – Jose Rodriguez

Jose Rodriguez presented the CAC Training Calendar with the upcoming OCRA training.

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

- Approval to Add a CAC Meeting in June will go to the Board of Trustees meeting.

**7. Announcements/Information/Public Input**

Flyers for upcoming events were shared with the members of the consumer advisory committee members by Jose Rodriguez.

A. Next meeting tbd

B. Attendance sheet

**8. Adjournment**

Juan Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 4:23

**9. Action Items**

- Board Support will schedule a CAC meeting in June following the approval of the updated CAC Meeting Schedule at the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for May 14, 2025.

Submitted by:  
Lindsay Granger  
Executive Administrative Assistant

**NLACRC**  
**Consumer Advisory Committee**  
**CRITICAL CALENDAR**  
**FY 2024-25**

<i>Month</i>	<i>Activity</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Informal Meeting (check-in)</i>
<i>August</i>	Orientation for new committee members, Review Policies and Procedures and Meeting Schedule, Review Critical Calendar, Review of Priority Activities  Chair Selection
<i>September</i>	OCRA Where to Live Presentation
<i>October</i>	
<i>November</i>	OCRA Being My Own Boss Presentation
<i>December</i>	<i>Informal Meeting (check-in)</i>
<i>January</i>	
<i>February</i>	
<i>March</i>	
<i>April</i>	
<i>May</i>	
<i>June</i>	Budget Update  Review Additional Topics for Board Trainings for the Next Fiscal Year

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## Community and Legislative Educator Report May 2025

### Governor Newsom's May Revision 2025-26

**Governor Newsom's 2025-26 May Revision** outlines significant General Fund reductions across Health and Human Services in response to the state's projected **\$27.6 billion deficit**. Several proposed actions directly affect individuals with developmental disabilities, Regional Centers, and the vendor community.

#### **Department of Developmental Services (DDS):**

- **\$221.7M ongoing cut (starting 2026-27):** Providers must comply with EVV, audits, and HCBS rules to qualify for quality incentive payments.
- **\$75M reduction in 2025-26:** Ends rate reform hold harmless four months early (February 2026).
- **Self-Determination Program:** Reduced by \$22.5M in 2025-26, and \$45.5M ongoing due to cost guardrails.
- **Eliminates DSP Workforce Training Program:** \$36.8M ongoing cut to the unimplemented Direct Support Professional training initiative.
- **Elimination of targeted supports:**
  - \$5.6M for implicit bias training refresh
  - \$3M for health & safety waiver assistance
- **Porterville Developmental Center:** \$10M ongoing reduction starting 2026-27 based on historical savings.
- **Cost Recovery and Reimbursement:** DDS will pursue increased reimbursements and service cost recovery (savings TBD).

#### **DDS Investments:**

- **\$13.3M in FY2025-26** for the **Life Outcomes Improvement System (LOIS)** to support continued planning efforts, including 17 limited-term DDS positions and regional center resources.
- **\$1.9M in FY2025-26** for **federal HCBS Access Rule compliance**, including 9 limited-term positions to manage increased regulatory workload.
- **\$1.4M in FY2025-26**, increasing to **\$2M ongoing**, for **health and safety investigations and due process caseloads**, supporting 9 new permanent positions.
- **\$680K in FY2025-26** for **clinical monitoring of specialized community homes**, with 4 new permanent positions.
- **\$1.3M in FY2025-26** to support **cost recovery and reimbursement efforts**, including 5 permanent positions and external consultant support.

#### **Department of Health Care Services (Medi-Cal):**

- **Freezes Medi-Cal enrollment** for adults (19+) with unsatisfactory immigration status (UIS) – **\$86.5M in 2025-26**, growing to **\$3.3B by 2028-29**

- **Eliminates long-term care and dental** for UIS adults – **Over \$600M in annual savings by 2028**
- **\$100 monthly premiums** for certain Medi-Cal adults starting 2027 – **\$2.1B by 2028-29**
- **Reinstates asset test** (\$2,000 individual / \$3,000 couple) – **\$791M ongoing**
- **Cuts to FQHCs, Prop 56 payments, and weight-loss drug coverage**
- Prescription cost controls via **rebates, step therapy**, and prior authorization are projected to save **\$200 million** in 2025-26 and **\$400 million annually thereafter**

#### **In-Home Supportive Services:**

- Caps provider Overtime/travel to **50 hours/week** – **\$707.5M ongoing savings**
- Aligns **IHSS Residual Program** with Medi-Cal timing – **effectively eliminates** the program
- Eliminates IHSS eligibility for **adults 19+ with UIS** – **\$158.8M ongoing**
- Shifts reassessment penalties to counties – **\$81M savings**
- Conforms IHSS to Medi-Cal asset test – **\$25.5M in 2025-26**

#### **Next Steps:**

The Legislature will finalize the budget by **June 15, 2025**. NLACRC will continue to monitor outcomes and advocate to protect access and quality of services for individuals with developmental disabilities and our provider community.

Full Budget Summary: [2025-26 May Revision Budget Summary V2](#)

Key Highlights: [highlights-of-governor-s-proposed-2025-26-may-revision.pdf](#)

#### **Federal Update: House Passes Budget Bill Cutting Medicaid & SNAP**

On May 22, 2025, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a budget reconciliation bill that proposes historic cuts to **Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**—critical programs supporting millions of people with disabilities.

#### **Key Provisions in the House Bill:**

- **\$715 billion cut to Medicaid**, threatening access to Medi-Cal, regional center services, IHSS, early intervention, and more.
- **13.7 million people are projected** to lose health insurance due to combined cuts and policy changes.
- **\$300 billion cut to SNAP** (CalFresh), the largest in program history.
- **Increased administrative barriers** including biannual Medicaid eligibility renewals.
- **New strict work requirements** aimed at reducing enrollment.

#### **Action Needed:**

Contact your Senators and urge them to **reject the House-passed cuts**. Share your story to help protect access to essential services. [Find Your California Representatives](#)




Bill Summary: [Medicaid-Reconciliation-Summary-5-22-25.pdf](#)

## Legislative Events

Community events are open to all community members and are not hosted by NLACRC. Please check the links for further information and RSVP if you plan to attend.




### **Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin - Malibu Sidewalk Session**

This session offers the opportunity to meet the Assemblymember, ask questions, share your concerns, and chat about local issues. It will also feature special guest Malibu Mayor Marianne Riggins.

-  **Date:** Sat, June 7, 2025
-  **Time:** 10 AM - 12 PM
-  **Location:** Point Dume Village (29169 Heathercliff Rd. Malibu, CA 90265) - [Registration](#)

### **Assemblymember Nick Schutz - Virtual Town Hall**

An opportunity to meet the Assemblymember online, learn what he has been working on in the Capitol and District, review bills and their timeline, and receive a state budget update.

-  **Date:** Wed, June 11, 2025
-  **Time:** 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
-  **Location:** Zoom - [Registration](#)




### **Assemblymember Pilar Schiavo - Job & Career Fair**

Find local job opportunities, meet employers, and learn more about state and local resources available to you.

- **Date:** Sat, June 21, 2025
-  **Time:** 11 AM - 2 PM
-  **Location:** Boys & Girls Club - 24909 Newhall Ave, Newhall, 91321 - [Registration](#)

### **Senator Caroline Menjivar – 3rd Annual San Fernando Valley Pride**




A community celebration and resource fair - open to the public with opportunities to engage with elected officials.

-  **Date:** Sat, June 28, 2025
-  **Time:** 11 AM - 5 PM
-  **Location:** Van Nuys & Sherman Way - [Registration](#)

## NLACRC Legislative Event

### **Legislative Breakfast**

Join us for a vital discussion on policies affecting individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and service providers.

-  **Date:** Friday, June 27, 2025
-  **Time:** 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
-  **Location:** Provided upon RSVP (deadline June 6th) - [Registration](#)

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Consumer Advisory Committee**

**Training/Presentation Calendar**

**FY 2025-26**

<b>Date (Time)</b>	<b>Training/Presentation Topic</b>
July 2025	Informal Meeting (check-in)
August 6 2025	CAC Orientation
September 3 2025	Where to Live
October 1 2025	
November 5 2025	Being My own boss
December 2025	Informal Meeting (check-in)
January 2026	
February 2026	
March 2026	
April 2026	
May 2026	
June 2026	

Note: Presentations should be no longer than 20 minutes.

# Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

# Sana, Sana Colita de Rana WOMEN'S WELLNESS FAIR



**JUNE 7, 2025**



**9:00 AM-12:30 PM**



**OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY  
7800 VINELAND AVE  
SUN VALLEY, CA 91352**



**Adrin Nazarian**  
Councilmember, Second District



*There will be workshops on nutrition, self-esteem, fitness, resources, and free food (till supplies last)*



# Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

## Sana, Sana Colita de Rana



### FERIA DEL BIENESTAR DE LA MUJER



7 DE JUNIO DEL 2025



9:00 AM-12:30 PM



NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL SANTO ROSARIO  
7800 VINELAND AVE  
SUN VALLEY, CA 91352



**Adrin Nazarian**  
Councilmember, Second District



*Habr  talleres de nutrici n, auto-estima, ejercicios recursos, y comida gratis (hasta agotar existencias).*





# MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

JUNE

## ▶▶ LACDMH SALT 2 Presents: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parent & Caregiver Summit: Strengthening Families & Supporting Men's Mental Health

**Tuesday, June 17, 2025**  
**10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**El Cariso Community Regional Park**  
13100 Hubbard St., Sylmar, CA 91342

Join Service Area 2 Leadership Team (SALT 2) for a community resource fair celebrating the vital role of men in family dynamics and mental health. This year's summit highlights **men's mental health**, while bringing together families, local organizations, and community leaders for a day of connection, support, and fun. Enjoy live music, free food and beverages, and explore booths from local community organizations, family-friendly activities, and much more. Be part of this special event dedicated to fostering community and wellbeing!

For more information, please contact us at [SALT2@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:SALT2@dmh.lacounty.gov).



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# INVEST JOB FAIR

**JOIN US** at our highly anticipated INVEST Job Fair. This event is focusing on our re-entry population but is open to the general public as well. We are bringing together local employers from a variety of industries, offering on-the-spot interviews, networking opportunities, and valuable career resources. Don't miss out on this fantastic chance to kick-start your professional journey. Please share with friends and family!

## JOB SEEKERS

SCAN OR  
CLICK TO  
REGISTER



- ▶ Dress Professionally
- ▶ Bring Several Copies of Your Resume

## EMPLOYERS

SCAN OR CLICK TO REGISTER ▶



**Thurs, June 26**

**10am - 12pm**

Northeast San Fernando Valley  
America's Job Center of CA  
Mission College  
(Campus Center Lower Level)  
13356 Eldridge Ave.  
Sylmar, CA 91342

For more information, please contact:

Kimberly Buck, 323.864.8317  
kbuck@goodwillsofcal.org

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# Caregiver Wellness Day



If you are caring for someone with memory loss, this **FREE EVENT** is for you! Alzheimer's Los Angeles invites you to a day of inspiration, relaxation, and connection.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH • 9AM–1PM

ONEgeneration Senior Enrichment Center • 18255 Victory Blvd, Reseda, CA 91335

### YOU DESERVE TO BE CELEBRATED!

**Wellness Workshops** (in English, Spanish, & Mandarin) • **Resource Fair**

**Continental breakfast & lunch** • **Raffles & giveaways**

**Scholarships for respite care available**



**Registration required. Please scan QR code or visit**  
**AlzheimersLA.org/wellness.**

For questions or help with registration, please contact Yanet at **(323) 930-6280**  
or email **rsvp@alzla.org**.

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**FESTIVAL • 1:00PM**

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**KAREN BASS**  
MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES



CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
INSTITUTE



SAVE THE DATE

Back to

School

Health & Safety Fair

**CDI ELC**  
**10am–1pm**  
**7260 Owensmouth Ave.**  
**Canoga Park**



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**Membership:** Consumers who attend 5 meetings in a 12-month period can become a CAC Member.