

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2025

Present: Nicholas Abrahms, Laura Monge, Sharon Weinberg, Juan Hernandez– **Committee Members**

Evelyn McOmie, Silvia Renteria-Haro, Angela Pao-Johnson, Lindsay Granger, – **Staff Members**

Mark Wolfe – DDS Tech Advisor, Tresa Oliveri – DDS Tech Advisor, Marianita Mendez – DDS, Lety Garcia - **Guests**

Absent: Cathy Blin, Laura Monge, Jennifer Koster

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Nicholas Abrahms called the meeting to order at 6:44 pm.

II. Agenda – Review and Approval

Agenda Item: C. Semi-Annual Consumer Diagnostics Report, Agenda Item D. Social Recreation Camp and Non-Medical Therapy Services, Agenda Item E. 3rd Quarter Intake Data by Location Report and Agenda Item F. 3rd quarter disparity committee report will be deferred until the next meeting.

M/S/C (Juan Hernandez/Sharon Weinberg) To approve the agenda with items C-F deferred until the next meeting. Motion carried.

III. Public Input

There was no public input.

IV. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes from the February 21, 2025, Meeting

M/S/C (Sharon Weinberg/Juan Hernandez) To approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

V. Committee Business - Evelyn McOmie

A. Condensing Semi-Annual Purchase of Service (POS) Expenditure Data Reports

This item is on the agenda to determine what the committee wants to see in the report moving forward and if the committee thinks the report is necessary. There is a disparity committee that occurs the 2nd week of every month at the request of the board. It was proposed that a more streamlined POS Semi-Annual Expenditures Report be presented to the committee that will still contain the top 5 expenditures, identifying ethnicity, living arrangements (residential), and bringing this draft back to the committee to get feedback.

ACTION: Evelyn McOmie will put the suggestions made by the committee into action for the

report at the next committee meeting.

VI. Committee Action Items

A. Review and Approve Draft Critical Calendar for FY2025-2026

The committee discussed the proposed draft of the Committee's Critical Calendar for fiscal year 2025-26, with Lindsay Granger providing an overview of the revisions.

M/S/C (Juan Hernandez/Nicholas Abrahms) To approve the draft critical calendar to put forward to the full board for approval with the removal of the audit questions. Motion carried.

VII. Committee Report Updates

A. Self-Determination Program Report and

B. 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. These were the same reports that were discussed at the Board of Trustees meeting on May 14, 2025.

She reported that there 553 participants in the self-determination program since the beginning, and now there are 1,081 participants that attended the orientation. There were 9 transitions in the month of May. From January to May, there have been a total of 75 transitions. There are 364 participants in the co-employer model. Additional updates were provided on the new FMS directive, which has more guidelines for FMS agencies that want to be a vendor with the regional center.

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

D. Social Recreation, Camp & Non-Medical Therapies Services Report – **Deferred**

E. 3rd Quarter Intake Data by Location Report – **Deferred**

F. 3rd Quarter Disparity Committee Report – **Deferred**

G. 3rd Quarter NOAs/Appeals Report (January-March) and

H. 2nd Quarter NOAs/Appeals Report (October-December) and

I. 4th Quarter NOAs/Appeals Report (April-June) and

J. 1st Quarter NOAs/Appeals Report (July-September) – Evelyn McOmie

Evelyn McOmie presented all 4 quarterly reports together, noting that the recent move to a digital system delayed the report outs. For the first quarter appeals of fiscal year 2023-24, there were 846 NOA's sent, and 41 appeals filed. For the 2nd Quarter fiscal year 2023-24, there were 851 NOA's sent, and 38 appeals filed. For the 3rd Quarter fiscal year 2023-24, there were 852 NOA'S sent, and 43 appeals filed. For the 4th Quarter fiscal year 2023-24,

945 NOAs were sent, and 47 appeals filed. For all four quarters of fiscal year 2023-2024, 3,494 NOA's were sent and 170 appeals were filed.

VIII. Meeting Action Item Review

- Board Support will update the critical calendar, removing the audit questions before presenting them to the Board of Trustees for approval.
- Evelyn McOmie will implement the suggestions made by the committee for condensing the Semi-annual Purchase of Service (POS) Expenditure Data Reports.
- All deferred reports will be presented at the next CSC meeting.

IX. Future topic suggestions for CSC meetings:

X. Announcements / Information Items / Public Input

A. Committee Attendance

B. Next Meeting: tbd

Richard Dier provided public input, a parent of a consumer in the Self-Determination Committee, and he is in attendance in place for Lori Walker. He noted that SDP is part of the Lanterman Act not a community-based organization or a support group. The group is vetted by appointment by both North Los Angeles County Regional Center and the state council, and the group is mandated to report to North LA County as a regional center.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

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