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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 6, 2026

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: Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

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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.

Thank you!

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Meeting Packet

Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting

August 6, 2026

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CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 6, 2026 – *Via Zoom*
5:00 p.m.

~ AGENDA ~

- 1. Call to Order & Introductions**
- 2. Agenda – Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Public Input**
- 4. Consent Items**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the June 4, 2026, Meeting
- 5. Giving Public Testimony – SCDD (20 min.)**
- 6. Action Items**
 - A. Approval of Updated Presentation Calendar – Juan Hernandez and Lindsay Granger (3 min.)
 - B. Review and Approve Updated Guidelines and Procedures – Juan Hernandez and Lindsay Granger (3 min.)
- 7. Committee Business**
 - A. Orientation
 - i. Bylaws
 - ii. Review CAC Priorities
 - iii. Review CAC Meeting Schedule
 - B. Discuss Committee Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 – Juan Hernandez and Lindsay Granger (5 min.)
 - C. Discuss Location and Time for CAC Holiday Potluck – Juan Hernandez (5 min.)
 - D. NINJIO Cybersecurity Presentation Video – Juan Hernandez (7 min.)
 - E. Upcoming Events and Flyers – Santos Rodriguez and Jose Rodriguez
- 8. Action Items and Meeting Minutes**
- 9. Announcements/Information/Public Input**
 - A. Next Meeting, Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
 - B. Committee Attendance



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10. Adjournment

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Via Zoom)
June 4, 2026

Present: Juan Hernandez, Destry Walker, Elena Tiffany, Bill Abrahamson, George Alvarado–
Committee Members

Lesly Galvan – Support Staff - **Guests**

Santos Rodriguez, Jose Rodriguez, Angela Pao-Johnson, Lindsay Granger, Vipin Gautam,
John Van De Riet – **Staff**

Absent: Pam Aiona, Jennifer Koster

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Committee Chair and Board of Trustees Vice President, Juan Hernandez called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

Juan Hernandez read the NLACRC Civility Code and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Agenda

M/S/C (George Alvarado/Juan Hernandez) On a motion made by George Alvarado, seconded by Juan Hernandez, it was resolved to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Public Input

There was no public input.

4. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2026 Meeting

M/S/C (George Alvarado/Juan Hernandez) On a motion made by George Alvarado, seconded by Juan Hernandez, it was resolved to approve the meeting minutes from the May 7, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

5. May Revise – Belinda Abatesi

John Van de Riet provided the Legislative and Public Policy Update and reminded Consumer Advisory Committee members about the upcoming Annual Legislative Breakfast at Knollwood Country Club. John Van de Riet encouraged members who had not yet registered to do so by the registration deadline. Staff confirmed there was no cost to attend and assisted members with registration questions.

John Van de Riet reported that the Governor's May Revision proposed an overall stable and growing Department of Developmental Services (DDS) budget, with no proposed service cuts at

that time. The proposal included continued funding for regional center operations and infrastructure to support projected caseload growth.

John Van de Riet explained that, while the overall outlook was positive, several proposals would continue to be monitored. These included proposed reductions to Medi-Cal asset limits beginning January 1, 2027, which could affect Medi-Cal eligibility and, in turn, eligibility for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) for individuals with modest savings or assets. John Van de Riet also noted proposed changes to CalFresh work requirements and time limits, while recognizing that exemptions may apply for individuals with disabilities.

John Van de Riet emphasized that the May Revision was a proposal only and that the Legislature and Governor would continue negotiating the final state budget before the June 15 deadline. John Van de Riet stated that NLACRC would continue monitoring the proposals and provide updates as additional information becomes available.

John Van de Riet also highlighted upcoming advocacy and election-related activities. John Van de Riet noted that the June 2 Primary Election had concluded, the General Election would be held on November 3, and NLACRC was partnering with the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) to provide voter education training for individuals served, families, and community members. Training dates and additional information would be shared once available.

Following the presentation, Consumer Advisory Committee members asked clarifying questions regarding the Legislative Breakfast date, time, and registration process. Staff confirmed the event details and offered assistance with registration. No additional questions or comments were raised regarding the legislative and public policy update.

6. Action Items

A. Approval of CAC Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Juan Hernandez presented the proposed Consumer Advisory Committee meeting schedule for the next fiscal year. The Committee discussed continuing to meet at 5:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Juan Hernandez noted that the schedule could be adjusted or improved in the future if needed.

M/S/C (George Alvarado/Juan Hernandez) On a motion made by George Alvarado, seconded by Juan Hernandez, it was resolved to approve the CAC meeting schedule for fiscal year 2026-2027. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Draft Planning Calendar for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Juan Hernandez presented the proposed Consumer Advisory Committee Planning Calendar for the next fiscal year. Lindsay Granger explained that agenda topics beyond January remained To Be Determined (TBD) because future presentations are scheduled based on committee requests and emerging topics. Lindsay Granger also noted that additional presentations or trainings, including those from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), could be added throughout the year as opportunities arise.

During the discussion, George Alvarado expressed interest in adding future presentations

related to emergency preparedness, including CPR, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, earthquakes, fire safety, and disaster preparedness. Lindsay Granger clarified that CPR and CERT certification courses would likely be offered as external trainings rather than during a committee meeting. Jose Rodriguez suggested coordinating with NLACRC's Emergency Preparedness Specialist to identify appropriate presenters or training opportunities. Juan Hernandez noted that the emergency preparedness topic could be discussed further under a later agenda item.

M/S/C (Juan Hernandez/George Alvarado) On a motion made by Juan Hernandez, seconded by George Alvarado, it was resolved to approve the CAC planning calendar for fiscal year 2026-2027. Motion carried.

6. Committee Business

A. Strategic Plan Alignment Workshop

Heather Sims, Co-President of KH Consulting Group, provided an update on the development of NLACRC's Strategic Plan. Heather Sims reviewed the strategic planning process completed to date, including interviews with staff, Board members, committee representatives, vendors,

DDS, ARCA, and other community stakeholders, document reviews, strategy sessions, and stakeholder engagement activities. Heather Sims explained that the planning process was transitioning from information gathering to action planning and encouraged Consumer Advisory

Committee members to participate in the Strategic Direction Survey before the June 8 deadline. Lindsay Granger offered to distribute the survey to all Consumer Advisory Committee members.

Heather Sims presented the four draft strategic priorities that will guide the development of the Strategic Plan:

- Fulfilling and Person-Centered Culture
- Empowered Workforce
- Aligned and Resilient Operations
- Empowered Partners

Heather Sims explained that the committee's feedback would be incorporated into the action planning process for each priority.

During the discussion of Fulfilling and Person-Centered Culture, Consumer Advisory Committee members emphasized the importance of clear, easy-to-understand communication with consumers and families. George Alvarado recommended that staff communicate at a pace that is easy to understand, while Jennifer Koster emphasized providing clear explanations and clarification when sharing information. Committee members also highlighted the importance of patience, kindness, transparency, regular updates throughout service processes, and maintaining respectful communication with consumers and families.

During the discussion of Empowered Workforce, committee members recommended increasing hands-on training opportunities for staff, including shadowing experienced Service Coordinators

and providing job coaching for new employees. Juan Hernandez emphasized the need for staff to have the appropriate technology, tools, and support staff to help manage high caseloads more efficiently, allowing Service Coordinators to spend more time serving consumers.

During the discussion of Aligned and Resilient Operations, committee members suggested developing training videos and incorporating them into staff onboarding to support consistent implementation of new systems and processes. Bill Abramson noted that successful operations should result in consumers receiving services in a timely manner and encouraged measuring outcomes based on the experiences of individuals served. George Alvarado also recommended using clearer wording and communication throughout organizational processes.

During the discussion of Empowered Partners, George Alvarado recommended increasing opportunities for consumers and families to learn about community agencies and service providers through site visits or informational presentations. Committee members also emphasized providing clearer information about available services, how agencies operate, how consumers access services, and the steps involved in connecting with providers. Heather Sims noted that the desired outcomes included timely access to services, reducing waitlists, expanding service availability throughout the catchment area, and strengthening partnerships that improve services for consumers.

Heather Sims thanked the Consumer Advisory Committee for its feedback and encouraged members to share any additional recommendations after the meeting. Jennifer Koster requested that Heather Sims provide her contact information in the meeting chat, and Heather Sims agreed to do so before concluding the presentation.

B. Update on CAC ARCA Representative Role

Juan Hernandez introduced a discussion regarding the ARCA Client Advisory Committee (CAC) Representative role. Lindsay Granger explained that, following recent updates to the Board's bylaws and policies, the CAC ARCA Representative position had been eliminated as an official committee role. Lindsay Granger noted that the discussion was prompted because George Alvarado had served in the role for many years.

Lindsay Granger clarified that although NLACRC no longer has an official CAC ARCA Representative position, the ARCA Client Advisory Committee itself continues to exist. Lindsay Granger noted that not every regional center has a representative on the statewide committee and stated that an updated ARCA CAC roster would be requested. Lindsay Granger also confirmed that George Alvarado had attended the most recent ARCA CAC meeting.

Jennifer Koster asked several questions regarding the impact of the bylaw changes. Lindsay Granger clarified that the elimination of the CAC ARCA Representative role does not affect participation in other ARCA activities, such as the ARCA Academy or Legislative/Delegation events, as those are separate from the ARCA Client Advisory Committee Representative position.

Juan Hernandez explained that the elimination of the role resulted from recommendations made during the Board's policy and bylaw review process, which included streamlining Board and committee roles based on recommendations from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

Lindsay Granger also informed the committee that additional bylaw revisions may be necessary pending the outcome of the state trailer bill. Lindsay Granger explained that future updates could include renaming the Consumer Advisory Committee if changes to state terminology are adopted. Juan Hernandez emphasized that the committee itself would continue to exist and that any future changes would be limited to the committee's name rather than its purpose or function.

C. ARCA May CAC Meeting Report Out

George Alvarado provided a brief report on the May ARCA Client Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting. George Alvarado shared that one of the topics discussed was the statewide effort to identify a new term to replace the word "consumer." George Alvarado noted that several alternative terms were being considered and expressed support for using terminology centered on the word "person."

George Alvarado also shared that the meeting included discussions about strengthening relationships with community partners, including local fire departments, and continuing efforts to support and improve regional center services.

Following George Alvarado's report, Juan Hernandez thanked George Alvarado for the update and proceeded to the next agenda item.

D. Discuss the CAC July Informal Check-In

Juan Hernandez led a discussion regarding the Consumer Advisory Committee's annual informal July gathering. The committee agreed to hold the event on Thursday, July 2, from 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Lindsay Granger informed the committee that a calendar invitation, event details, registration information, and an RSVP link would be emailed to all members following the meeting. George Alvarado requested assistance completing the RSVP, and Lindsay Granger confirmed that assistance would be provided.

Committee members discussed the event location and agreed that holding the informal gathering at the NLACRC Chatsworth office would be the most practical option. Juan Hernandez noted that the office would provide meeting space, tables, air conditioning, and a comfortable indoor environment during the summer heat. Jose Rodriguez agreed that the office would be the safest and most convenient location.

The committee also discussed making the event a potluck-style gathering, consistent with previous years. Bill Abramson confirmed attendance plans and expressed appreciation that additional event information would be sent by email.

E. SCDD Training Schedule

Jose Rodriguez reviewed the Consumer Advisory Committee's upcoming State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) training schedule. Jose Rodriguez reminded the committee that an SCDD presentation on providing public testimony was scheduled for August and a Building Healthy Relationships presentation was planned for November. Jose Rodriguez noted that September remained open on the training calendar and suggested using the August

presentation as an opportunity to learn about additional trainings offered by the presenter and identify future presentation topics to complete the committee's annual schedule. The committee agreed with this approach.

Lindsay Granger also revisited George Alvarado's earlier request to add an emergency preparedness presentation to the planning calendar. Jose Rodriguez suggested contacting NLACRC's Emergency Preparedness Specialist for recommendations or potential presenters. George Alvarado offered to provide contact information for a representative from the local fire department who could present on emergency preparedness. Jose Rodriguez agreed to follow up once the contact information was received.

F. Upcoming Events and Flyers

Jose Rodriguez reviewed several upcoming community events and informational flyers with the committee. Topics included the Self-Advocacy Academy, which features presentations on continuing education, home support services, online dating safety, and LGBTQ+ topics. Jose Rodriguez noted that sessions are offered in a hybrid format, allowing participants to attend either in person or virtually.

Jose Rodriguez also highlighted the upcoming IHSS Advocacy and Community Summit, encouraging members to attend to learn more about In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), available resources, and advocacy opportunities based on the value of the previous year's event. Additional community opportunities reviewed included the Valley Cultural Foundation Festival, the Independence Day Hiring Spree, and a career fair at the West Valley Occupational Center.

Jose Rodriguez encouraged members interested in employment or community engagement to attend these events and reviewed basic event details, including locations and registration information where applicable.

7. **Review Actions**

8. **Announcements/Information/Public Input**

Juan Hernandez opened the floor for public input and member announcements. No formal public comments were provided.

George Alvarado reminded the committee about an upcoming **CERT/fire department event** and encouraged members to visit the CERT website for additional information about upcoming emergency preparedness activities

No further public comments were raised.

8. **Adjournment**

Juan Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm

Submitted by:
Lindsay Granger
Executive Administrative Assistant

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee

Open Topics of Conversation & Presentation
Calendar

FY 2026-27

Date (Time)	Training/Presentation Topic
April 2, 2026	Emergency Preparedness
May 7, 2026	Open Topic of Conversation & Presentation: Online Safety Presentation – Vipin Gautam
June 4, 2026	May Revise – Belinda Abatesi
August 6, 2026	<u>CAC Orientation</u> SCDD Presentation: Giving Public Testimony
September 3, 2026	Voter Registration - OCRA
November 5, 2026	Open Topic of Conversation & Presentation
January 2027	SCDD Presentation: Building Healthy Relationships for People with Disabilities and Their Support Staff
February 2027	TBD
March 2027	TBD
April 2027	TBD
May 2027	
June 2027	

Note: Presentations should be no longer than 20 minutes.

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee

Guidelines & Procedures

Plain Language Draft

Bylaws

The Consumer Advisory Committee is a committee of the North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLACRC) Board of Trustees. California law and the Board's Bylaws require this committee.

The committee gives advice and recommendations to the Board of Trustees about issues that are important to individuals served by NLACRC. These issues may include laws, services, supports, and other government-funded programs.

Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The Committee Chair must be a member of the Board of Trustees.

The committee elects the Chair each year. There is no limit to the number of terms the Chair may serve.

The Consumer Advisory committee also recommends a Vice Chair.

Membership

Committee members must:

- Be an adult.
- Receive services from NLACRC.
- Live in the NLACRC catchment area.
- Attend at least five Consumer Advisory Committee meetings during a 12-month period.

Meeting Schedule

The Consumer Advisory Committee meets once a month, except in July, October, and December.

Committee members will receive the meeting schedule.

The Chair may also call additional meetings if needed.

Sharing Information with the Board

NLACRC Consumer Advisory Committee Guidelines & Procedures

The Consumer Advisory Committee, or someone the Chair chooses, shares the committee's advice and recommendations with the Board of Trustees.

Training

The committee provides orientation and training(s) for its members every year.

Staff Support

NLACRC staff will provide support to the Consumer Advisory Committee.

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North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee

Guidelines & Procedures

Bylaws

The Consumer Advisory Committee is established as a standing committee in Article VII., Section 10, of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of the North Los Angeles County Regional Center, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 4622(G) and 4626. The committee is responsible for providing the center's Board of Trustees with recommendations on issues important to consumers, such as legislation or services and supports, provided by NLACRC or other publicly funded entities.

Appointment of Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The Consumer Advisory Committee chair shall be a member of the Board of Trustees and elected by the Board of Trustees. The term of office shall be one year with no limitations on the number of terms. Election of the committee chair will occur at the time of the regular board elections. The Consumer Advisory Committee will also recommend the nomination of a vice chair.

Membership

The Consumer Advisory Committee shall be composed of adult consumers who reside in the regional center's catchment area and participate in 5 Consumer Advisory Committee meetings during any 12-month period.

Meeting Frequency

The Consumer Advisory Committee shall meet monthly, except in July, October, and December. A copy of the meeting schedule will be provided to the committee members. Other meetings may be scheduled and called by the chairperson of the committee.

Relationship to the Board of Trustees

Submission of Advice: The Consumer Advisory Committee, as a standing committee of the Board of Trustees, shall submit advice through reports submitted by its chairperson/designee to the Board.

NLACRC Consumer Advisory Committee Guidelines & Procedures

Training

The Consumer Advisory Committee shall schedule an orientation and training session(s) for its members annually.

Staff Support

Staff support shall be provided through the regional center.

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ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Provision for Committees. The Regional Center shall have such committees as are provided for herein or as are designated by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Trustees then in office.

Section 2. Appointment of Committees. Except for the Executive Finance Committee, the Vendor Advisory Committee, and the Consumer Advisory Committee, membership on committees shall be by appointment by majority vote of the Trustees then in office. All committee members must be Trustees, with the exception of members of the Consumer Advisory Committee, Post-Retirement Medical Trust Committee, and Vendor Advisory Committee.

Section 3. Structure and Operation of Committees.

(a) All chairpersons of committees shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise specified in the Bylaws. These appointments require approval by a majority vote of the Board. The same Trustee cannot be appointed to serve as chairperson of more than one committee simultaneously, except for the President who may only serve as the chairperson of the Executive Finance Committee and the Post-Retirement Medical Trust Committee.

(b) Except as expressly delegated to any particular committee by these Bylaws or by resolution of the Board of Trustees, no committee shall have any authority to take any action, make any expenditure or incur any liability in the name of or on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Further, no committee may be delegated authority which would otherwise be exercised by the Board unless all of the members of the Committee are also members of the Board or unless all of the actions proposed by such Committee are ratified by the Board prior to their execution in accordance with statute.

(c) Minutes are to be kept of all committee meetings and kept on file at the Principal Executive Office of the Corporation and posted on the Regional Center's website.

(d) Trustees may serve more than one (1) consecutive term on a committee.

(e) Committees of the Board shall be comprised of a minimum of three (3) Trustees except for the Consumer Advisory Committee, Post-Retirement Medical

Section 7. Vendor Advisory Committee.

(a) Composition. The membership of the Vendor Advisory Committee shall consist of not more than eighteen (18) members who are either current vendors in good standing of the Corporation or are employed by vendors in good standing of the Corporation.

(b) It shall be composed of persons representing a wide variety of the various categories of providers from which the Regional Center purchases consumer services. The Vendor Advisory Committee shall designate one (1) of its members to serve as a member of the Board (i.e., the Vendor Trustee). The Vendor Trustee shall serve as chairperson. The Vendor Trustee's term shall be one (1) year. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Vendor Advisory Committee.

(c) Appointment and Term of Members. The members of the Vendor Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Board from a slate of candidates provided by Vendor Advisory Committee, and shall each serve a term of three (3) years unless an earlier vacancy occurs as provided in the Bylaws. Each member of the Vendor Advisory Committee shall each serve a term of three (3) years unless the member is elected to fill a vacancy in which case the "replacement" member serves the remainder of the term of the member vacating their seat. Such term shall commence on July 1 of the year in which a member is elected unless the member has been elected to fill a vacancy as provided for herein. In the event a member has been elected to fill such vacancy, the term shall commence upon election and shall continue for the balance of the regular term subject to such vacancy. No member shall serve on the Vendor Advisory Committee for more than six (6) consecutive years. An individual who has served six (6) consecutive years shall not be eligible to again serve as a member of the Vendor Advisory Committee for a period of twelve (12) months. If an individual who resigns from the Vendor Advisory Committee prior to the expiration of his or her term is re-appointed to the Vendor Advisory Committee in less than twelve (12) months, his or her prior months/years served on the Vendor Advisory Committee shall be considered part of the person's term.

(d) Duties. The duties of the Vendor Advisory Committee shall be to provide advice, guidance, recommendations, and technical assistance to the Board to assist the Board in carrying out its mandated duties.

Section 8. Consumer Advisory Committee.

(a) Composition. The Consumer Advisory Committee shall be composed of adult consumers who reside in the regional center's catchment area and participate in five Consumer Advisory Committee meetings during any 12-month period. Members of the Consumer Advisory Committee, once qualified by attendance

at five Consumer Advisory Committee meetings during any 12-month period, shall remain members of the Committee for so long as they continue to attend at least five Consumer Advisory Committee meetings during any 12-month period.

(b) Election of Committee Chair. The Consumer Advisory Committee chair shall be elected by the committee. The term of office shall be one (1) year with no limitations on the number of terms. The committee will also elect a vice-chair.

(c) Duties. The duties of the Consumer Advisory Committee shall be to provide the Regional Center's Board with recommendations on legislation or services and supports provided by the center or other publicly funded entities.

(d) Board Liaison. The Board may appoint a Board Liaison to attend monthly committee meetings for the purpose of facilitating communication between the committee and the Board and completing the monthly CAC Liaison Report for the Board. The Board Liaison should be an individual served by NLACRC, but if a person served is not available or willing to serve, then the Board can appoint a staff member or Trustee to serve as Board Liaison. The Board should consider alternating the Liaison position from year to year.

ARTICLE VIII

RECORDS AND REPORTS

Section 1. Maintenance of Records. The Regional Center shall maintain adequate and correct accounts, books, and records of its business and properties. All of such books, records, and accounts shall be kept at its Principal Executive Office in the State of California, as fixed by the Board from time to time.

Section 2. Inspection of Records. All books and records shall be open to inspection by the Trustees at all reasonable times at the Principal Executive Office and in the manner provided in the California Corporations Code.

Section 3. Certification and Inspection of Bylaws. The original or a copy of these Bylaws as amended or otherwise altered to date, certified by the Secretary of the Board, and shall be open to inspection at the Principal Executive Office by the Trustees as provided in the California Corporations Code.

Section 4. Checks, Drafts, Etc. All checks, drafts, or other orders for payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of, or payable to, the Regional Center, shall be signed or endorsed by such person or persons and in such

North Los Angeles County Regional Center

Consumer Advisory Committee

DRAFT 2026-27 Priority Activities

1. CAC members will promote and support efforts for meaningful employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
2. CAC members will regularly attend various transportation meetings in order to keep current on any changing trends.
3. CAC members will work together to share information about current consumer issues at CAC meetings (like employment, transportation, legislation, and housing.) Any information that the committee thinks is really important will be posted on their web page.
4. CAC members will educate other consumers about the CAC to promote involvement and membership.



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Consumer Advisory Committee

Meeting Schedule

FY 2026-27

*Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month
from 5:00pm-6:30pm*

Until further notice, all meetings will be held virtually through Zoom.

Thursday, July 2, 2026 Informal Meeting

Thursday, August 6, 2026

Thursday, September 3, 2026

~ No meetings in October ~

Thursday, November 5, 2026

Thursday, December 3, 2026, Informal Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 2027

Thursday, February 4, 2027

Thursday, March 4, 2027

Thursday, April 1, 2027

Thursday, May 6, 2027

Thursday, June 3, 2027



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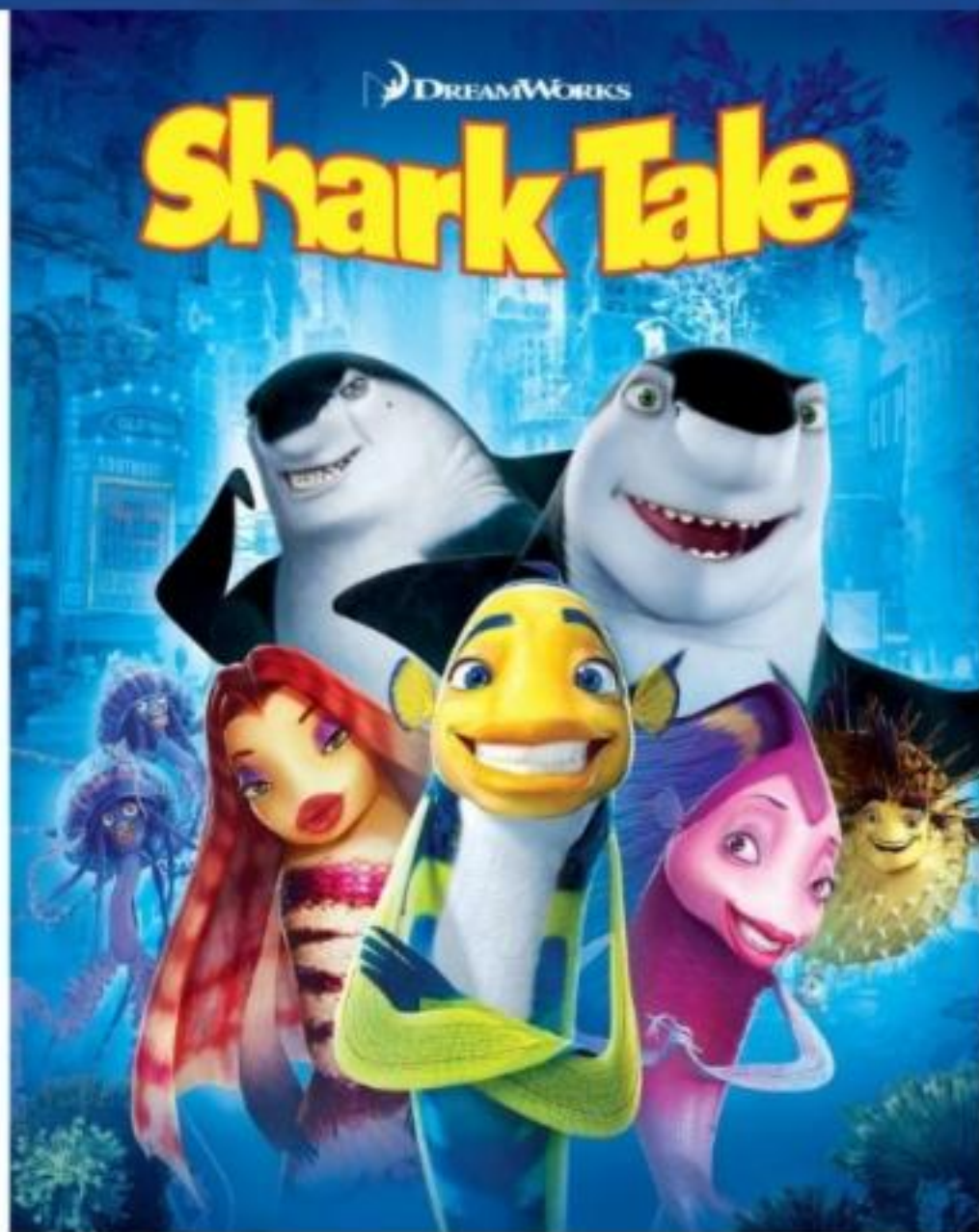


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FREE CPR & FIRST AID

August 8th - 10 AM to 1 PM

Learn lifesaving skills from the Los Angeles Fire Department

LAFD Operations Valley Bureau & Battalion 10 invite the community to a **FREE** CPR and Basic First Aid training designed for everyday emergencies at home, work, or in public.

Date: Saturday, August 8, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

(Arrive by 9:30 AM to check in.)

Location: Encino Community Center Auditorium

4935 Balboa Blvd, Encino, CA 91316

COST

Class: **FREE**

Optional American Heart Association CPR
Certification Card \$40
– Valid for 2 years (Normally \$150)

WHO CAN ATTEND

- Open to the public
- Space is limited to 100 participants
- Pre-registration recommended

TRAINING INCLUDES

- ✓ Adult, Child & Infant CPR
- ✓ Choking Response
- ✓ Basic First Aid
- ✓ Hands-on instruction by Los Angeles Fire Department personnel and CERT

For more Information / contact:

CERT Valley Bureau Coordinator – Christy Adair – lafdcertvalley@gmail.com or
LAFD Battalion 10 – BC Barna – Robert.Barna@lacity.org

RSVP on EVENTBRITE: <https://FreeEncinoCPRclass.eventbrite.com>

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PASSPORT ISSUES? **COME TO MY PASSPORT FAIR IN VAN NUYS!**

Saturday, August 15
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
(exact location will be provided upon RSVP)

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Best Practice Recommendations at the Intersection of Disability & LGBTQ+ Identity



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026 | 10:00 AM 11:00 AM



IRI OFFICE

16340 ROSCOE BLVD., SUITE 200, VAN NUYS, CA 91406.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!

This series focuses on improving services for individuals with intellectual disabilities who are part of the LGBTQ+ community. Trainings are centered around the lived experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals with IDD and aimed at promoting more inclusive work environments within provider organizations. This presentation will be an introduction to the intersection of queerness and disability. It will discuss key terms, the importance of this topic, uplift lived experiences, discuss statistics, and explore best practices for service providers.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Attendees will be able to define four key LGBTQIA+ terms
- Attendees will be able to explain the intersection of LGBTQIA+ and disability.
- Attendees will be able to identify relevant statistics related to LGBTQIA+ and disability.
- Attendees will be able to explore four best practice recommendations.

MEET THE TRAINER



LEAH BERRY

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HOMELESS CONNECT DAY

THIS ONE-DAY EVENT IS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN LA FAMILY HOUSING, CHILD & FAMILY CENTER OF SANTA CLARITA, HOMEAGAIN LA, AND OTHER LOCAL NON-PROFIT AGENCIES IN SPA 2 TO PROVIDE FREE ONE-STOP SERVICES TO FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.



AUGUST 20TH, 2026

9 AM - 1 PM

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STOP THE STIGMA 2026

Mental Health Hook-Up hosts this annual community event to raise awareness about accessible and low-cost mental health services in the Santa Clarita Valley and to help promote the acceptance of mental illness.



September 19th, 2026
10:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital Campus
23803 McBean Parkway,
Valencia, CA 91355



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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Expert Panel & Speakers

Learn from mental health professionals and lived-experience advocates.

Resource Fair

Connect with local organizations offering support and services.

Food & Fun

Enjoy delicious snacks, live music, and a supportive atmosphere.

Gift Basket Raffle

Collect tickets by interacting with local vendors and win a gift basket!



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MENTAL HEALTH HOOKUP



@MENTALHEALTHHOOKUP

In recognition of Worldwide Suicide Prevention Day, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital presents its

11th Annual Suicide Awareness and Prevention Conference

Co-hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention



Saturday September 12, 2026

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

In-Person Venue

(200 spots available)

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital

1812 Verdugo Blvd., Glendale, CA 91208

Admission to this conference is free and includes complimentary breakfast and lunch.

Webinar Venue

(500 spots available)

Register | Info & FAQs:

(in-person or virtual)

<https://www.keckmedicine.org/events/suicide-prevention-conference/>

CEUs available. Approval pending, will be issued.

All participants should note that the event will be recorded in audio and video formats. The recording will be posted on the USC VHH website.

2026 SAPC sponsored by:

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
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REGISTRATION

8:00 AM – 8:55 AM

Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Resource Fair

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

8:55 AM – 9:00 AM

Clifford Feldman, MD, JD, MFS

Medical Director, Geropsychiatric Program,
USC Verdugo Hills Hospital
Adjunct USC Professor

MORNING SESSIONS

9:00 AM – 9:55 AM

Keynote: USC Mental Health Programs:

A National Model for Improved Behavioral Health
Steven Siegel, MD, PhD

Chair and Professor, Department of Psychiatry and the
Behavioral Sciences, Keck School of Medicine
Chief Mental Health and Wellness Officer, Keck Medicine
Vice President for Behavioral Health,
University of Southern California

10:00 AM – 10:55 AM

**From Risk to Resilience: Clinical Assessment,
Safety Planning, and Therapeutic Intervention
for Suicide Prevention**

Robert Stohr, MS, LMFT

Board of Directors President, Greater Los Angeles and
Central Coast Chapter for AFSP
Executive Director, U.S.VETS

10:55 AM – 11:05 AM

Break

11:05 AM – 12:00 PM

**Risk and Thriving: Understanding Suicidality
Among Trans and Nonbinary Youth**

Russell Toomey, PhD

Professor of Human Development and Family Science,
University of Arizona

LUNCH & RESOURCE FAIR

12:00 PM – 12:25 PM

Lunch and Resource Fair

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

12:25 PM – 1:20 PM

**The Silent Epidemic: Assessment, Intervention,
and Prevention of Adolescent Suicidality**

Kevin Callo, USMC

Associate Marriage and Family Therapist
Strong Families Strong Children, Child Guidance Center, Inc.

1:25 PM – 2:20 PM

Suicide Risk and Older Adults

Haydeh Fakhrabadi, PsyD

Clinical Psychologist II
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

2:20 PM – 2:30 PM

Break

2:30 PM – 3:25 PM

**Bridging Research and Practice in Grief and
Prolonged Grief Disorder**

Sidney Zisook, MD

Board-Certified Psychiatrist
Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry
UC San Diego School of Medicine

CLOSING REMARKS

3:25 PM – 3:45 PM

Acknowledgments, CEU Instructions, and Final Thanks

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What are you applying for?	Use Form	Total	Total
First-time Adult Passport Book	DS-11	\$225	\$165
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First-time Adult Passport Book &	DS-11	\$255	\$195
Adult Passport Card <i>For applicants who currently have a valid passport book.</i>	DS-82	\$90	\$30
Renewal – Adult Passport Book	DS-82	\$190	\$130
Renewal – Adult Passport Card	DS-82	\$90	\$30
Renewal – Adult Book & Card	DS-82	\$220	\$160

All Minor Applicants (Under Age 16) First-time AND Renewal		SERVICE	
		Expedite (2-3 weeks by mail)	Routine (4-6 weeks by mail)
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Minor Passport Book	DS-11	\$195	\$135
Minor Passport Card <i>NOT valid for international AIR TRAVEL. Valid only for travel by land and sea to/from Canada,</i>	DS-11	\$110	\$50
Minor Passport Book & Card	DS-11	\$210	\$150

OPTIONAL FEES		
1-2 Day Delivery	Paid per application for 1-2 day delivery of an issued passport book from the Department of State to the customer. Only applies to mailing addresses within the United States. 1-2 day	\$22.05
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Meeting Length														
*Juan Hernandez, Chair													0	
*Bill Abramson													0	
*Pam Aiona													0	
*Jennifer Koster													0	
*Destry Walker													0	
*George Alvarado													0	
*Elena Tiffany													0	

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