

**ALA
PLANNING & NETWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 13, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Irma Canfield, Chair
Ronald E. Moore, Family Member
Debby Valdez, Family Member
Krista Garcia, Community Member
Anne Connell, Family Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pam Stephens, Community Member (R)
Mary Hanlon-Hillis, Vice Chair (R)
John Evans, Parliamentarian (A)
Sandra Iracheta-Cruz, Community Member (A)
Jennifer Tarr, Community Member (R)
Cara Magrane, Community Member (A)
William Robinson, Community Member (R)
Virginia Burns, Community Member (A)
Martha Moyer, Family Member (R)
Frances Anderson, Family Member (R)

STAFF PRESENT

Susan Lodge, Senior Director of ALA and Agency Coordination
Jacob Ulczynski, Operations Manager & Privacy Officer
Trudy Garcia, Quality Assurance Reviewer

GUEST

Beatrice Connell

1. Irma Canfield called the meeting to order at 1:11 pm
2. Roll call by Trudy Garcia
3. Public Comments
Irma Canfield read the statement allowing time for anyone to comment to the Advisory Committee on issues and items of concern. There will be no deliberation or action on these comments. Time allowed is at the discretion of the Chairman, with three (3) minutes being customary.
 - There were no comments.
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
Irma Canfield read the following statement – If anyone has Conflict of Interest on any of the action items, they should abstain from voting.
5. Consider and act upon approval of the March 7, 2017 minutes.
 - A motion was made by Debby Valdez to accept the minutes seconded by Ronald Moore, the motion carried unanimously.
6. Presentation on the Alamo Local Authority Local Plan 2018-2019. Jacob Ulczynski
Five objectives were presented in the draft plan:
 1. Rebranding of the ALA
 2. Focused on community mobilization to develop and strengthen partnerships focused on self-advocacy, support groups, peer support, and volunteerism.
 3. Enhance employment initiatives for individuals who desire employment.
 4. Continue the Crisis services program, including Crisis Intervention and Crisis Respite.

5. Facilitate Day Habilitation provider's alignment with the CMS HCBS rule, effective 2022. Also discusses Aging Persons with IDD and Unique Regional Needs-Military Families.
 - Discussion: Debby Valdez commented that she would like to have the name stay conclusive. She recommended that they should call it IDD and Disability services. She also commented about families are not getting educated about the service that are available. She suggested that families should create a long term care plan. Ronald Moore discussed Families need assistance with guardianship.
7. Discussion and appropriate action on the recommendation to adopt an Awareness & Recognition observance schedule.
 - Discussion: Jacob Ulczynski stated that each month has a different disability that can draw awareness to families and the community.
 - A motion was made by Anne Connell seconded by Krista Garcia, The motion carried unanimously.
8. Discussion and appropriate action on the recommendation to extend the vendor contract for the Woodgroup to provide Crisis Respite services from September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$323,000. These funds were anticipated in the 2017 Budget and this action will not require a budget amendment. An extension for a year is being requested.
 - Discussion: Debby Valdez commented that she would like to see a report of how many individuals are served and what the outcomes are.
 - A motion was made by Debby Valdez seconded by Krista Garcia, the motion carried unanimously.
9. Discussion and appropriate action on the recommendation to approve the Request for Application (RFA) response from Children's Rehabilitation Institute of Teleton USA (CRIT-USA).
 - Discussion: Debby Valdez commented that she did not like that it was exclusive, only serving children. She suggested that the ALA should ask the provider if they would be willing to expand the age limit. Anne Connell suggested another provider called Soundly Speaking. Susan Lodge said that we can send them an application. Ronald Moore wanted to know what their capacity was and if they are close to exceeding it. Jacob stated they are not at capacity. The capacity is 500 individuals and he thinks they stated they have around 300 individuals that they are serving. Krista Garcia wanted to know if they have any resources that the provider could refer adults.
 - A motion was made by Ronald Moore seconded by Debby Valdez with the conditions of expanding to adults, the motion carried unanimously.
10. Annual Training for Advisory Committee Members and Input on Board Training pertaining to the 2018 - 2019 Performance Contract.
11. Presentation and discussion on Legislative update
 - Discussion: Debby Valdez requested information for conferences and training. Jacob Ulczynski and Susan Lodge stated that conferenced will be emailed to the PNAC board members. Susan Lodge stated that she will put the PNAC members on our website Calendar of events for information.

12. Program Report:

A. Operations

B. Waiver Services

C. Non-Waiver Services

D. LIDDA Director

- Susan Lodge discussed that she is working on submitting an application for IDD Job Readiness pilot program

13. Next Meeting Date: September 12, 2017

14. Adjournment.

- A motion to adjourn at 3:14 pm was made by Anne Connell, seconded by Debby. Valdez, the motion carried unanimously.