

Legislative & Public Policy Committee (LPPC) Minutes
November 12, 2013

Members Present

Janelle Lewis, Chair
Jennifer Allen
Tho Vinh Banh
Dan Boomer
Ray Ceragioli
Lisa Davidson
David Forderer
Connie Lapin
Brian Gutierrez
David Mulvaney

Members Absent

April Lopez

Others Present

Mark Polit, Staff
Bob Phillips, Staff
Karim Alipourfard, Staff
Michael Brett, Staff
Kevin MacDonald, Arc of LA
Chris Arroyo, Staff

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members introduced themselves and announcements were made.

4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 22, 2013 MINUTES

Connie Lapin moved and David Forderer seconded to approve the October 17, 2013 minutes. Motion passed 8-0-2.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Connie Lapin talked about the access issues at Disneyland. Chris Arroyo said that Area Board 10 is writing to Disney to be directly involved in trying to work out a resolution. Tho Vinh Banh mentioned that regional centers are voter registration agencies, but that few regional center clients get registered by the regional centers.

6. POLICY FOCUS FOR 2014

A. Priorities for Restoring Budget Cuts. Mark Polit distributed a summary of the input from the Area Boards. The Committee discussed importance of restoring specific cuts and weighed that against what the local communities have said through the area boards and the ability to successfully effect a change. (The summary of Area Board priorities is attached to these minutes).

Connie Moved and Lisa Davidson seconded to recommend the Council adopt the following priorities for restoring service reductions:

- (1) Early Start services such as respite and limits on eligibility, including those for at risk infants.
- (2) Family responsibility for insurance co-pays and deductibles for therapies.
- (3) Suspended services: Social/recreational, camp, and nonmedical therapies.
- (4) Caps of respite hours.
- (5) Elimination of Medi-Cal Optional Benefits.
- (6) IHSS 8% cut in hours.

After discussion, the motion was amended to recommend these priorities be presented unranked to the Council.

Motion carried 10-0-0

B. Policy focus and ideas for legislation – The committee discussed several issues in detail and ranked them through polling of each item to achieve the highest three priorities. The polling results were: Implementation of self-determination, employment first, and SB 555 (9), Abuse (8), SDCC public communications (6), special education (3), Medi-Cal, IHSS, Housing, and other generic services (2), Equity and diversity (2), DC transition (1), and no votes for RC transparency, NCI/quality assessment, and mediation in RC disputes.

Ray Ceragioli moved and Daniel Boomer seconded to recommend that the Council adopt the following priorities for 2014:

- (1) Implementation of AB 1041, Employment First Policy; SB 468, Self-Determination; and SB 555, Linguistic competency of the IPP process.
- (2) Abuse of people with developmental disabilities.

(3) Dissemination of information about policy issues.

The motion carried 10-0-0

C. Legislative Platform and Existing Policies - Discussion of this agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.

7. ACTIVE LEGISLATION

A. AB 1089 (Calderon), Foster RC Transfers. Mark Polit explained that the author is working with stakeholders to amend the legislation.

B. SB 663 (Lara), Victims of Sexual Assault. Kevin MacDonald from the Arc of LA and Arc of California presented on the legislation. The bill addresses four key barriers to prosecution. If enacted it would create significant disincentives for perpetrators to commit these crimes and make it much easier for law enforcement to investigate and prosecute. The LPPC's areas of concern were concerning the ability of the individual with a developmental disability to give consent; fine-tuning the provision that would make caretaker sexual acts with their client a crime; and fine-tuning language about hearsay evidence.

Brian Gutierrez moved and Daniel Boomer seconded to recommend that the Council support SB 663 in principle and work with the author to address areas of concern. The motion carried 9-0-1.

C. SB 579 (Berryhill), Quality Oversight. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

D. Report on other Legislation. Mark Polit briefly reviewed the status of legislation tracked by the committee.

8. NEXT MEETING AND 2014 CALENDAR

The next meetings were scheduled for January 14, 2014, 10:00 – 2:00; February 5, 10-3; March 5, 10-3; April 9, 10-3; and May 7, 10-3.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Lewis adjourned the meeting at 3:02 PM.