



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 19, 2014

Members Present

April Lopez
Linda Landry

Members Absent

Thomas Forderer
Sandra Smith
Robert Jacobs

Others Attending

Mike Clark
Thomas Johnson
Roberta Newton

1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

April Lopez, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. A quorum was not established.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone present introduced themselves.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

4. SCDD BYLAWS & DESCRIPTION OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE DUTIES

Given that this meeting was held on short notice, a quorum was not established. As a result, a full committee meeting could not move forward.

However, April Lopez and Mike Clark provided a brief description on what the roles and duties of the Membership Committee are. Essentially, the description they provided was based on the language within Page 3 of the MTARS Corrective Action Plan. In short, it was noted that:

“The newly constituted Membership Committee will formally take the lead in conducting outreach to unrepresented regions of the state and underserved communities. The Chair of the Membership Committee will solicit from among non-agency Council members, the regional advisory

committees, self-advocacy leaders and family support groups, especially those whose membership is composed of individuals from traditionally underserved ethnic or racial minority communities.

Based on the many findings relating to membership policies, the Council has begun to develop legislative language to amend the Lanterman Act. This will result in an appointment process that continues to promote geographic, racial and ethnic diversity. Currently, geographic diversity is established by having a seat assigned to each of the 13 regional advisory committees.

It is anticipated that revisions to the Lanterman Act will preserve the geographic diversity by assuring that there will be at least one Council member from the geographic area encompassing each of the Council's regional offices. The local regional advisory committees will be encouraged to recommend potential candidates, but the Governor retains authority to select the Council membership."

5. NEXT MEETING DATES

Members agreed to collaborate on a next meeting date. Subsequently, it was determined that the Membership Committee would reconvene on July 31, 2014, from 1pm to 3pm, at State Council headquarters.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25am