



South Central Los Angeles
Regional Center
Programs and Development Division

**SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2011**

I. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill West
Lisa Sanchez
Manami Go

Karen Washington
Davina Douthard
Veronica Moser

Guadalupe Barrera
Renett Clough
Jocelyn Baber-Gant

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Desiree' Boykin
Angela Hunt-James

Anissa McNeil

STAFF PRESENT:

Dexter Henderson
Marsha Mitchell-Bray

Reuben Lee
Deanna Corbin

Roy Doronila

PUBLIC:

None Present

CALL TO ORDER:

The August 9, 2011 Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Board President, Bill West at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD ACTION:

Approve **SCLARC** Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of **May 24, 2011** as presented.
(M/S/C) L. Sanchez / K. Washington / Unanimous)

BOARD ACTION:

Approve **SCLARC** Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of **June 28, 2011** as presented.
(M/S/C) L. Sanchez / D. Douthard / Unanimous)

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Bill West

Board President, Bill West indicated the new agency contract was signed and submitted to DDS as requested for \$137 million dollars.

Board Membership: Marsha Mitchell-Bray introduced Ana DaSilva with the following summary of her background.

Ana DaSilva is a former SCLARC board member and the parent of a consumer. Ana has helped broaden our mission during her tenure as a board member by providing the highest quality of service possible to our stakeholders, consumers and families. She has used her advocacy skills for the betterment of our agency. She currently serves as a consultant. It is Ana's spirit of community advocacy and passion that brings her back to SCLARC to serve.

BOARD ACTION:

Approve Ana DaSilva as a member of the SCLARC Board of Directors for a three year term, effective August 9, 2011.
(M/S/C) L. Sanchez / K. Washington / Unanimous)

New VAC Committee Member: Judith Harris.

BOARD ACTION:

Approve Judith Harris as a member of the VAC Committee, effective August 9, 2011 for a two year term.

(M/S/C) L Sanchez/ D. Douthard/ Unanimous

New VAC Officers, CY-2012

Pursuant to VAC Bylaws the board was asked to ratify the action of the VAC board officer elections which occurred at its meeting June 8, 2011.

John Harris, Chair
Tim Lawson, Vice Chair
Veronica Salano, Secretary
Lara Okunubi, Treasurer
Stephanie Dinwiddle, Parliamentarian

BOARD ACTION:

Approve VAC Officers above for a term of 1 year effective January 2012.

(M/S/C) R. Cough/ D. Douthard/ Unanimous

SCLARC Board Election Nominations

Bill West introduced the 2011-20112 slate of SCLARC Board Officers previously nominated by the general membership, including,

President -	Bill West
Vice President-	Lisa Sanchez
Secretary-	No Nominations Received
Treasurer	No Nominations Received

BOARD ACTION:

Approve Bill West- President, SCLARC Board of Directors, effective August 9, 2011 for a one year term.

Lisa Sanchez- Vice President, SCLARC Board of Directors, effective August 9, 2011 for a one year term.

M/S/C: D. Douthard/ M. Go/ Unanimous

Bill West accepted his nomination for President of SCLARC's Board of Directors with honor. He stated he was glad to be a part of an agency that does so much good work.

Lisa Sanchez accepted her nomination for Vice President. She is looking forward to serving.

President Bill West then opened nominations for the open board positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Bill West nominated Ana DaSilva for Board Secretary.

BOARD ACTION:

Approve Nomination of Ana DaSilva as Secretary, SCLARC Board of Directors, effective August 9, 2011 for one year term.

M/S/C: D. Douthard / K. Washington / Unanimous

Bill West continued to open nominations for SCLARC Treasurer. No other nominations came forth. He therefore asked for volunteers for Treasurer. Renett Clough volunteered to serve as Treasurer.

BOARD ACTION:

Approve Renett Clough as Treasurer, SCLARC Board of Directors, effective August 9, 2011 for a one year term.

M/S/C: G. Barerra/ J. Baber Gant/ Unanimous

Bill West made note that all four officer positions are filled and how important it is to maintain at least 12 persons on the board.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Roy Doronila

Sufficiency of Allocation Report (SOAR)

Roy Doronila reported the latest SOAR balances for FY 10-11. Our latest estimates indicate a total POS expenditures of \$113,444,670. This is a reduction \$1,103,779 from the prior month. It also indicates adequate funds for FY 10-11.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure Report

Roy Doronila reported the latest balances in OPS and POS for FY 10-11. Our latest estimates indicate adequate funds in OPS and POS. We are reporting a balance of \$1,273,428 in POS. We will hold this in reserved in case of unexpected late bills for the coming months for the prior fiscal year. We expect to expend all of our OPS balance from this fiscal year. As in past years we will pay off all encumbered expenses for that fiscal year.

Contracts of \$250K and Over

Roy, reminded the board of the contracts over \$250K that we're approved in the May 24, 2011 board meeting. At that time the board wanted additional information such as the number of consumers served with each of the listed vendors. The list was revised as requested and in doing so, have in effect eliminated some of the vendors on the list. The first list given was an estimation of vendors who we projected would make or exceed \$250K.

Bill West added that the process to revise the \$250K contract list was initiated by a question from a board member who was not clear and wanted additional information to be able to make a confident decision to approve. It is extremely important that we as board members ask questions if we do not understand or are not clear on board actions because in the end, it will be the auditors who will come back to the board seeking answers as to why we approved the list.

Dexter Henderson commented that the \$250K contracts are a result of the new Trailer Bill Language that was passed by the legislature that states all regional center boards must approve all contracts over \$250K. He also noted that there were only 3 contracts on this list, one being our landlord and the other two are health/ insurance companies. The other 100 vendors listed have a Purchase of Service Agreement with the regional center and when vendoring or writing these purchase of service agreements, we don't know if the vendor will reach or exceed the \$250K because of the process used to pay these vendors. We can't predict when writing the POS that this vendor will reach or exceed the contract limit so we are basically given is an estimate of the projected amount for the year for that vendor. There will be cases when we will know in advance and it is then that the regional center will obtain the approval of the board up front.

VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT- Davina Douthard

Davina reiterated the upcoming VAC calendar of events:

Vendor Directory is complete and ready for delivery.
The Vendor Fair is scheduled for October 13, 2011.
VAC will have a Vendor Honors Luncheon, November 9, 2011.

Davina made mention of one way the VAC is collaborating or giving back to the community. Davina spoke of Marty Omoto, advocate for the developmentally disabled. Marty is the voice of C-SCAN a widely published electronic update of budgetary news, legislation, and regulations focusing on people with disabilities in California. Marty Omoto is an advocate who operates the C-SCAN publication entirely on donations and because the VAC appreciates Marty's time, energy and commitment to advocacy and education through C-SCAN, we committed to making a monthly donation of \$250 dollars to support Marty Omoto and his cause.

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE- Karen Washington

Karen reported on the CAC meeting of June 27, 2011. Miguel, from Fiesta Educativa indicated that he was visiting various regional center CAC groups to share information regarding their new Supported Employment Program. He left information with the CAC members for review mentioned that all participation had to be facilitated by Service Coordinators.

USC Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities attended the CAC as a guest speaker. The topic was "How to be Safe in the Community" and he also discussed how to prevent abuse and becoming a victim of crime.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Dexter Henderson
(Signing of SCLARC Annual Conflict of Interest Statements)**

At our May 24 board meeting, the board approved a Conflict of Interest Statement which incorporated all the key components relating to new conflict of interest requirements.

Mr. Henderson continued by handing out new conflict of interest statements to the board members for signature. He explained that every year the regional center will request that each board member and staff sign a new conflict of interest statement. The board will then review each statement and forward to DDS.

Bill West made a request that each board member who would like to take the time to review the conflict of interest policy, read and sign the conflict of interest statement could do so and return to Deanna Corbin no later than the end of August or can sign and turn in to Deanna at the end of the meeting.

However, upon further review by our corporate attorney the document previously approved by the Board on May 24, 2011 was revised further.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Roy Doronila
(Agency Core Indicators)**

Roy presented on the agency core indicators. This is a quarterly report on the agency and acts like a report card. Roy gave a detailed report of the quarter ending June 30, 2011. The 21 core indicators listed were detailed by consumer count and percentage which are in the report attached.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT - Marsha Mitchell
(New Vendorization Profiles)

Marsha Mitchell began by sharing some highlights and bringing good news to the board by way of a presentation of the newly opened Wright Road Day Program. Vendor Renee Tims is a success story, she is owner and operator of several programs vendored by the regional center. Ms. Tims and partner, Michael Conception developed a state of the art day program that teaches self-sufficiency, self-care, independence, expressive language, mobility training, financial literacy, cultural diversity and much more. Renee Tims fought hard to get her program developed and has set a standard for all our vendors for the types of facilities the regional center would love to see our consumers have access to.

Marsha also shared the progress and successes of the LDC closure and transition.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Reuben Lee
(Case Management Success Story)

Reunification for Baby Tatiana

Synopsis:

In March of 2010, our consumer, Tracy M. was visited by a former school teacher who was checking in on the consumer and her infant. The teacher found the apartment to be unkempt, trash in the crib, trash around the home. The apartment was horribly roach infested. The existing parent training provider was contacted regarding the issues. However on April 6, 2010 baby removed from the home following a TDM (meeting at DCFS). The father of the infant who is also a SCLARC consumer became upset at the TDM at the prospect of having his daughter taken from him and was labeled as having an anger management problem.

(Success Stories Cont.)

The first hearing was held for baby Tatiana on April 15, 2011. The Service Coordinator was notified that the infant had been fast tracked for adoption. The Circle of support determined that the consumer's parenting provider should be changed to another vendor to better assist them with the challenges they now faced.

The father of the infant Jonathan F began to receive Anger Management classes. Both parents (consumers) received parent training.

In spite of the often adversarial history SCLARC has experienced in the past, the Service Coordinators Sharana Harris and Maria Haire were able to enlist the support of the Office of Client's Right's (OCRA) in this case. OCRA was able to network with the attorneys in a way that the Service Coordinators were unable

On July 16, 10, the fifth hearing was held on this case. OCRA highlighted 'Victoria's Law' which makes reference to the rights of person's with disabilities being able to raise their own children.

For another eight months from July 2010 to March 2011, Service Coordinators continued to attend court hearings on behalf of consumers, advocate for them. The vendor continued to provide parent training, personal support and thwart efforts of family members seeking to pursue adoption.

On March 4, 2011 during hearing #11, the Judge awarded weekend and overnight visits for consumers with their infant. Visits continue without incident.

On June 16, 2011 at hearing #12 Baby Tatiana is returned home to her parents

This case remains active due to baby Tatiana's seizures. The infant has been referred and approved to receive Regional Center Services. Consumers have demonstrated competency in addressing their daughter's health concerns. Jonathan has shown remarkable progress. When asked about baby having a minor fall, Jonathan responded, without becoming angry, "I have inspected my daughter and she is fine". In addition, the couple ensures, with the assistance of the vendor, that baby Tatiana receives ongoing medical care as needed for her seizures.

Success Story #2

Consumer, T. M. is a 28 year old African American Male, who has been diagnosed with Mild Retardation. T.M started his educational journey in September of 2007 at Los Angeles Trade Technical Technology College. To his accomplishment, he graduated on June 8, 2010 with an AA degree in Liberal Arts. He completed his studies with a G.P.A. of 2.3.

T.M wanted to further his education. Therefore, he took the initiative by applying to Morgan State University. He was accepted into their program for the spring semester of 2011. T.M.'s major is Sociology. He aspires to become a social worker in the future.

In order for T.M. to attend Morgan State University, he was in need of assistance from the regional center to secure transportation to campus. T.M. had never traveled outside of the city. As result, the regional center funded for an aide to travel with T.M. and assist him with touring the campus, moving into dormitory, and completing class registration. The aide also assisted T.M. with transferring his Social Security benefits to the state of Maryland. SCLARC also provided a gift card in the amount of \$500 to purchase clothing to accommodate the cold weather in Maryland.

T.M. has completed his first semester of college at Morgan State University. SCLARC is very proud of his accomplishments. His drive and determination is an inspiration to other consumers.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT –Dexter Henderson
(Agency Challenges)**

Mr. Henderson for went his report due to lack of time. He will present his report in the September 27, Board of Directors meeting.

Theard Parent Complaint:

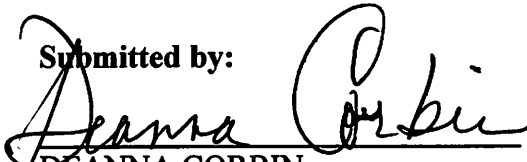
Reuben Lee reported on the complaint from parent Kimberly Theard who voiced her complaint in the May 24, board of directors meeting. DCAS did conduct an investigation and provided a detailed account of the issues presented. The regional center did send notice to Ms. Theard with the services she requested and as a result was able to put some of these services into place for her son.


PUBLIC INPUT:

GOOD of the ORDER:


Mr. West adjourned the August 9, 2011 meeting at 9:00 pm. Our next meeting will take place on September 27, 2011.

Submitted by:


DEANNA CORBIN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY


DATE

Approved by:


ANA DASILVA
BOARD SECRETARY


DATE