



South Central Los Angeles
Regional Center
for persons with developmental disabilities, inc.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2011**

I. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill West
Lisa Sanchez
Anissa McNeil

Karen Washington
Davina Douthard

Desiree` Boykin
Renett Clough

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Carla Vega
Angela Hunt-James
Guadalupe Barrera

Manami Go

STAFF PRESENT:

Dexter Henderson
Phyllis McClean

Roy Doronila
Deanna Corbin

Maria Figueroa

PUBLIC:

CALL TO ORDER:

The January 25, 2010 meeting was called to order by Board President Bill West.

Approval of Minutes:

BOARD ACTION

To approve BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF **November 16, 2010**
(M/S/C: D. Boykin / L. Sanchez/ Unanimous

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT:

Board Membership:

Mr. Henderson introduced Dr. Anissa McNeil and reviewed her biography summary. Dr. McNeil who has an extensive and impressive academic and professional background was invited to make comments and continue observation of the board meeting.

Mr. West requested approval from the board to accept Dr. McNeil to the SCLARC Board of Directors.

BOARD ACTION:

To approve BOARD MEMBER: Dr. Anissa McNeil
M/S/C: D. Douthard / K. Washington/ Unanimous

Bill West also addressed the need for additional board members. We currently have six vacancies with the potential of 17. Mr. West encouraged everyone in the room to recruit active board members that are willing to serve. Please make your recommendations to any executive committee member or SCLARC's Executive Leadership Team.

ARCA REPORT-

Mr. Henderson held the ARCA Board Report of January 28-29 for his executive budget update.

FINANCIAL REPORT-

Roy Doronila began his financial report by going over the (POS) Purchase of Service Expenditure Projection Summary. Roy reviewed the POS expenditures for FY 10-11, which showed the actual expenditures through November 2010. Roy gave the high and low estimated cost of Non-CPP expenditures and CPP. The financial report is as follows:

Statement of Revenue

Operations-

SCLARC is projecting a balanced budget in operations. We are projecting to spend 20 Million and projecting a zero balance at the end of June 2011.

Purchase of Service- (Soars monthly projection)

Currently we are projecting we will spend 116 Million. We are asking the State for an additional 1.7 Million to balance our Purchase of Service. Sufficient funds are expected to be allocated in the next budget amendment.

SCLARC's overall expenditures for contracts, purchase of service and operations total 138.2 Million

Balance Sheet

SCLARC received the cash advance from the state. As of the end of December 2010, SCLARC has -32.2 Million in U.S. Bank. We have 53.6 Million in assets and 44 Million owed to the state for cash advance for current and prior year. Roy went a step further to explain to our newest board members that due to the state not having a budget this year we had to barrow money to be able to support our operations expenses.

CONSUMER SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS:

VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE: -

Davina Douthard reported the success of the vendor fair. The only challenge experienced was that the regional center managers were not available to attend and the regional center staff did not spend as much time as the vendors would have liked. We are going to get the date out early this year as to avoid scheduling issues. The release of the vendor directory has been postponed until February 15th due to website construction. The VAC's new website is up and running. It is much easier to navigate and vendor friendly.

Davina also stated that she spoke with the VAC Executive Committee regarding the 1.25% reduction to the vendors. As a result of this conversation, Davina made a request on behalf of the vendors that the retroactive reduction be taken on a monthly basis in March rather than February instead of one lump sum in May. This is primarily due to the holiday closures in December and January when most consumers are not in attendance. The board agreed to honor the request of the vendors by taking the payback in March for February and then each month following, April, May and June.

The VAC calendar is out. There is room for change to some of the meeting dates particularly if the regional center has other topics to speak on.

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE-

Desiree Boykin began her report of the Consumer Advisory Committee meeting that took place in December, 2010. Desiree thanked Ms. Douthard of Polishing the Professional for attending the CAC meeting and presenting on "How to Get a Real Job". Some of the points of the presentation were hygiene, dress, how to build a resume, and putting your best foot forward.

CAC member Karen Washington spoke about what's to come in 2011 with the CAC and gave some of the upcoming topics they will be presenting.

How to stay on task	Get to know your body
Open Enrollment for the CAC	Self Defense
Self Esteem	Hygiene
Rape	Relationships

Ms. Douthard acknowledged the CAC and how astute the group was and offered the support of the VAC to collaborate in other ways with the CAC to better support them in their endeavors.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS-

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT -

Dexter Henderson began with board business. He brought it to the attention of the board that board officers Fred Washington and Art Dansby termed last year and our board Secretary Gabriela Valdovinos resigned the later part of last year because of increased family responsibilities. Mr. Henderson made it known that if our President was not able to continue in his official capacity, we would have no other officer available to carry out the duties of the board. Therefore he suggested the board consider one of two options, to appoint an officer to serve in a temporary capacity, starting now and ending in June or to continue to operate as we are and wait until our next board meeting to have an election to elect permanent officer/s at that time. The board agreed to appoint one member as an officer on a temporary basis to keep in compliance with our by-laws.

Mr. West asked for volunteers for Secretary. Ms. Lisa Sanchez volunteered for the Secretary position and was approved by the board to serve as temporary secretary until the June election.

Mr. Henderson continued with his report by sharing that the Governor did propose on the 10th of January his new state budget which totaled 127 billion for 2011-12 year. In the proposed budget there are 12.5 billion dollars of spending cuts. Those spending cuts are designed to assist the state in coming up with a balanced budget by the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1. That budget would then have 127 billion dollars of expenditures for the course of the year and a 1 billion dollar reserve. In addition to that the Governor proposed for the new budget year an additional 12 billion dollars of revenue increases and those revenue dollars would come from state personal income taxes, DMV vehicle fees and sales taxes we owe. Those fees will be for a temporary period of 5 years and that's to help raise additional monies that the state requires in order to keep the budget balanced over the next 5 years. Governor Brown also states that if we do not do these things over the next 5 years then the state budget will continue to have massive deficits. He is also proposing that the legislature approve the 12 billion in cuts. Those cuts will impact our Developmentally Disabled system as well as other generic social health supports. He wants the revenue reductions to be approved by the legislature by March. He is also proposing that by June or July there will be a referendum that will go out to the voters so that we have the opportunity to vote on whether the tax and sale increases and DMV fees are acceptable. Brown wants the spending cuts to occur in March/ April so that (1) he can send a signal to the community/ voters that the legislature is serious about reducing the budget and that the legislature can control it's own spending. That leads us to the 750 million dollar budget reduction that is going to occur specifically for the Developmental Disabled system.

Overview of Prior Years 09-10

Governor Schwarzenegger proposed some significant cuts to our DD system and as a result of those cuts we saved about 334 million in the 09-10 year and in the 10-11 year we saved another 200 million dollars. That's about 530 million dollars in 2 years that our DD system was able to save. This is primarily due to restructuring and eliminating certain programs. We also restricted eligibility for some of our services that we provide and increased identifying both private and federal sources of income. It has been a combination of reduced spending and getting more money from elsewhere to keep our system afloat. On top of that the legislature approved in 09-10, the 3% reduction to vendors as well as the regional center operations budgets. In 10-11 it was continued at 4.25%.

Overview of Current/ Projected Budget Year-

The regional center system is supposed to grow by 485 million dollars in current budget year. That growth is primarily due to a increase in utilization of services. Right now the system serves 244,000 consumers and families and we are projecting by the end of the new fiscal year we will serve another 7,600 people. By the end of the 11-12 year we will be serving 251,000 persons with developmental disabilities. In order to stem the grow in the system and contain cost in general, because we are still part of a statewide system of a 27 million dollar deficit, the department of developmental services and mental health service is recommending that we increase revenue, accountability and expenditure efficiencies.

NO PUBLIC INPUT:

Good of the Order

Mr. West adjourned the January 25, meeting at 9:00 pm. Our next meeting will take place on March 22, 2011.

Submitted by:


DEANNA CORBIN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

5/24/11
DATE

Approved by:


LISA SANCHEZ
BOARD SECRETARY

5/24/11
DATE