



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
MAY 24, 2011**

I. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill West
Lisa Sanchez
Anissa McNeil

Karen Washington
Davina Douthard
Angela Hunt-James

Desiree` Boykin
Renett Clough
Manami Go

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Guadalupe Barrera

STAFF PRESENT:

Dexter Henderson
Phyllis McClean

Maria Figueroa
Deanna Corbin

Reuben Lee
Marsha Mitchell-Bray

PUBLIC:

Allan Smith
Jocelyn Baber-Gant

Veronica Moser

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 24, 2011 meeting was called to order by Board President Bill West at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD ACTION:

Motion To Approve Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of **March 22, 2011** as presented.
(M/S/C) L. Sanchez / K. Washington / Unanimous)

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Bill West

Board Membership: Executive Director, Dexter Henderson introduced two prospective board members.

- Jocelyn Baber-Gant - Was referred by SCLARC's board member Guadalupe Barrera. Ms. Baber-Gant has a son who is a regional center consumer and expressed interest in the SCLARC board.
- Veronica Moser – Was referred by former SCLARC board member and current Friends of SCLARC board president, Malcolm Bennett. Ms. Moser also has a son who is a regional center consumer. Ms. Moser expressed interest in giving back to the community thru participation on the SCLARC board. Ms. Moser shared the joy of her son who is now engaged to be married to another regional center consumer and thanked the regional center for their commitment to the developmentally disabled.

BOARD ACTION:

Motion to Approve Jocelyn Baber-Gant & Veronica Moser as members of the SCLARC Board of Directors for a three year term, effective May 24, 2011.

Motion: (M/S/C) L. Sanchez / A. McNeil / Unanimous)

ARCA REPORT: Bill West

Bill West reported that ARCA has been very active in sending financial information and updates on the Governors May revise budget. The states 26 billion deficit has been reduced both in budget cuts and increased revenue resources coming into the state. The multi-billion dollar deficit has now been reduced to below 8 billion.

BOARD NETWORK PRESENTATION: Deanna Corbin

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- ✓ Shows upcoming board and community meetings
- ✓ Provides meeting agendas and documents

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- ✓ System will automatically create an online PDF format

Document Management:

- ✓ Bylaws
- ✓ Minutes (past and present)
- ✓ Financial Reports
- ✓ Contact Information
- ✓ History

Deanna Corbin is in the process of updating the Board Network resource with past and current information for your immediate access and will follow-up with a tutorial of Board Network at the July 26, board meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Dexter Henderson on behalf of Roy Doronila

Sufficiency of Allocation Report (SOAR)

Mr. Henderson reported that per the latest SOAR dated May 10, 2011, SCLARC is projecting total expenditures of \$114,081,254 in POS as the high estimate. There is not much change from prior month to present. We have no deficit and our growth is less than prior month and has been for the past number of months due primarily to the significant reductions in the purchase of service category due to the state imposed budget reduction measures. This indicates adequate funds in Purchase of Service (POS).

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure Report

Mr. Henderson explained that every year regional centers arrange a line of credit in order to bridge the gap between the time the state approves the budget and the time we actually begin our operations in the new fiscal year. For the past three years SCLARC has also negotiated a short term line of credit as well as an ongoing operating revolving line of credit. These two facilities (lines of credit) allow us to continue to operate in spite of any cash flow delays and we are able to pay our staff, service providers and operating expenses without fail. SCLARC has already been approved for the two lines of credit which will total \$40 million dollars.

BOARD ACTION:

Motion: It was Moved To Authorize SCLARC's CEO to negotiate a line of credit and a revolving line of credit not to exceed 40 million dollars with US Bank. Additionally, authorizes the Board President to execute the line on behalf of the agency.

(M/S/C: L. Sanchez / A. McNeil / Unanimous)

Balance Sheet

Mr. Henderson reported that our cash position is in good shape with no material changes from prior months.

CONSUMER SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS- Reuben Lee

Reuben Lee reported ARCA's response to DDS's proposal to achieve 174 million reduction or savings in the DDS budget. Reuben gave a detailed overview of the case management recommendations to achieve this goal. The following is a list of DDS's proposed recommendations to the legislature that ARCA either opposes, supports or is neutral on.

1. Increasing federal funds for Regional Center Purchased Consumer Services **(Neutral)**
2. Reduction and Efficiency in Regional Center Operations Funding
 - a. Self- Directed Services **(Neutral)**
 - b. Community Placement Plans Reduced Staffing **(Supports)**
 - c. Reduced Accelerated Waiver Enrollment **(Neutral)**

- d. Administrative Efficiency – Electronic Billing Process to All Providers **(Supports)**
- e. Elimination of One-Time Costs **(Supports)**
- f. Unallocated reduction **(Oppose)**
- 3. Rate Equity and negotiated Rate Control **(Supports)**
- 4. Annual Family Program Fee **(Oppose)**
- 5. Mixed Payment Rates in Residential Facilities with Alternative Residential Model **(Supports)**
- 6. Supported Living Services **(Supports)**
- 7. Maximizing Utilization of Generic Resources - Education Services **(Supports)**
- 8. Individual Choice Day Services **(Supports)**
- 9. Maximizing Resources for Behavioral Services – ARCA has two positions:
 - a. ARCA **Opposes** the use of paraprofessionals
 - b. ARCA **Supports** the verification of services
- 10. Transfer Reduced Scope Prevention Program to the Family Resource Centers **(Oppose)**
- 11. Enhanced Community Integration and Participation – Development of Transportation Access Plans **(Supports)**
- 12. Porterville Developmental Center Secure Treatment Facility Capacity
 - a. Modifies new law regarding the competency of minors appearing before the court **(Supports)**
 - b. Limits the capacity of the Porterville Developmental Center secure treatment program including those in the transition program **(Oppose)**
- 13. Intermediate Care Facility – Developmentally Disabled (ICF-DD) **(Supports)**
- 14. Agnews Transition Ongoing Workload **(Oppose)**

VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE: - Davina Douthard

On July 13, 2011 the Vendor Advisory Committee will conduct its annual organizational meeting. At that time annual elections to bring new committee members and officers will take place. We will be submitting three new members to SCLARC for review and approval after that meeting. The following members are up for review:

Margarita Sanchez
Cindy Torres
Otieno Okatch

Ms. Douthard gave a compliment to one of our regional center staff, Ms. Sirlisa Evans who presented to the Vendor Advisory Committee on Special Incident Reporting. Ms. Evans did an exceptional job of presenting and was very thorough on the topic.

The New Vendor Directory will be out in two to four weeks. We changed the cycle to reflect the fiscal year opposed to the calendar year and that's why we are a little late getting it to the press.

The VAC has agreed to accept voluntary dues from the committee members. The reason for this is to implement funding and to better organize themselves as well as give the VAC a larger voice in Sacramento.

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE- Desiree Boykin

Desiree thanked Marsha Mitchell for setting up the new Consumer Advisory Committee Website.

Desiree shared the SCLARC event at El Camino Torrance College on May 4th, where approximately 6 consumers attended with their parents. SCLARC's Education Specialist was also in attendance. Attendees received an overview of the Special Services Program at El Camino which supports students with disabilities. Consumers were asked what their area of interest was and what they wanted to study if they attended college. Desiree also reported that she and Paul, CAC Vice President spoke to the consumers and their parents regarding their own experience while attending El Camino. Student Ambassadors then provided the parents/consumers with a tour of the campus.

SCLARC's Nurse Manager contacted the CAC regarding speaking to the CAC in July on the topic of grooming/hygiene. The CAC identified the following specific areas of interest: the grooming of hair and nails and the importance of good fingernail and foot care; how to diplomatically tell someone that they need to improve their hygiene; what products are appropriate for good hand and foot care; how to properly groom yourself if you are physically challenged; resources that can assist you if you are physically challenged-IHSS; how to reduce the chances of getting a cold when you are in contact with other people.

Desiree extended an invitation to the VAC to come to their next meeting in August and Davina Douthard of the VAC accepted the invite to attend. The CAC have identified the following vendored services to represent the VAC: adult day program, transportation, residential, ILS, and supported employment.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS- Marsha Mitchell

Marsha Mitchell reported that over the past months SCLARC has been working diligently to remove our consumers that currently reside at Lanterman Developmental Center. We currently have 32 consumers to place within the community. SCLARC has been working with Friends Housing and Westbay Housing, two non-profit housing organizations to make this happen and to purchase homes in the community. Marsha was pleased to report we have purchased all the homes needed with the exception of two 853 homes. These homes are medical model homes for consumers who are more involved and require more square footage which has been a challenge in our catchment area. We are hopeful that we will secure the last two properties in the next month or so. There will be a vendor fair at Lanterman Developmental Center on June 3rd, with parents as well as vendors who are interested in providing services for all those who are moved from Lanterman. They will have an opportunity to showcase their programs and talk to families regarding any concerns they may have. On June 18th, SCLARC will continue its dialog with the families of our 32 consumers we still need to move. This will be our 4th LDC parent meeting. Our relationship with our families has improved with increased trust, understanding and collaboration. Our families see the effort and commitment on the part of our team to place their loved ones in homes in the community that will be safe and secure. Marsha invited the board members to come to the LDC parent meeting.

Marsha reminded the board to Save the Date for SCLARC's 4th and last town hall meeting Friday, June 3rd. Marsha expressed that in the past nine years that we have done this, we generally did a legislative seminar. However, this year due to the budget and the new trailer bill language we have taken another approach where, every first Friday of every month starting in March we've held town hall meetings inviting our perspective legislators to come down. We've had assembly woman Holly Mitchell and this meeting should feature Assemblyman Isadore Hall who is a tentative speaker. SCLARC has held these meeting in the mornings and in the evening all throughout our catchment area to make our town halls assessable to our stakeholders. This will be our last meeting of the fiscal year and we invite you all out to hear what our legislators have to say as well as participate with our families, parents, and staff.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT –Dexter Henderson

Executive Director, Dexter Henderson gave a brief but detailed update to the board regarding the May Revise to give the board a better understanding of why we are where we are today. It started in FY 09-10 where we had a 300 million dollar system reduction and then at the beginning of this new year we had another 200 million dollar reduction to the system with an additional 174 million dollar reduction as a result of budget workgroup savings recommendations proposed for FY 11-12.

The director feels the recommendation to transfer the Prevention Program to the FRC's will set the prevention effort in California back. It is not a good recommendation. All the research shows that if you have an educational, social, medical or developmental delay, the earlier you begin to attack the problem with intervention, the better off that individual is in terms of remediating that deficit. For the state to now put us in a situation with this particular recommendation that we hope is not going to be approved by the legislature is really going to cause unnecessary challenges for families. The state has actually done an excellent job previously and has gone beyond the mandates that the federal government has required the state to implement investing in children with developmental delays and this recommendation is now going to cause confusion, and reduce the capacity for regional centers to assist families and parents to access services as soon as possible. The Executive Director further indicated that it may even end up costing the citizens of California more money and we therefore hope this recommendation is not accepted. The recommendation may save the state money in the short term but is not the best as a long term solution. We have been working with our legislative representatives to understand the impact that this is going to have on us and particularly on our community. Families are confused already based on the last modification to the early start program. We are usually the last in our community to get on the information and resource band wagon and this is going to further prevent low income families from accessing services in a timely fashion. Regional Centers have developed an infrastructure for serving children and that infrastructure includes having all the clinical supports that are necessary to conduct the developmental assessments and provide professional insight to proper early intervention. Again we are hopeful the legislature does not support the transfer of the prevention program.

Lastly, the May Revise also shows the state of California is going to spend less on purchase of service than the prior year. This shows that we really are reducing and cutting back and the state is to be commended for implementing most of the recommendations that were put forth.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Kim Theard, parent, shared her concerns about her interaction with the regional center.

Ms. Theard indicated the following concerns,

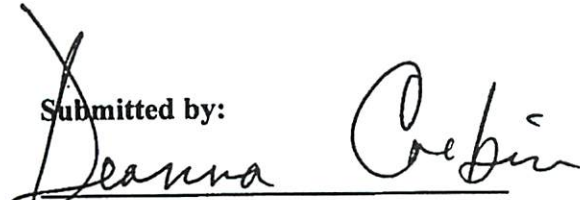
- That she did not receive services in a timely fashion.
- She received an introductory letter in Spanish but, she is English speaking.
- That supervisory staff did not provide follow-up to her complaints.
- Her IPP was not provided to her.

Mr. Henderson apologized to Ms. Theard and indicated it appears that her experience was not our customary way of doing business. He reminded Ms. Theard that we are bound by The Lanterman Act and HIPPA from speaking in a public meeting regarding the issues relating to her son. He assured her that she would have a response by next week and welcomed her to meet with the regional center staff to address her concerns.

GOOD of the ORDER:

Mr. West adjourned the May 24, meeting at 9:00 pm. Our next meeting will take place on July 26, 2011.

Submitted by:

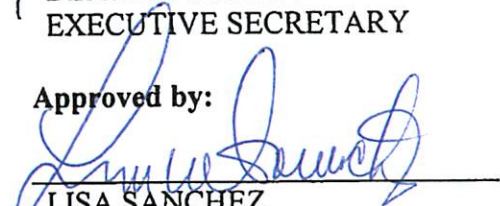


DEANNA CORBIN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



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Approved by:



LISA SANCHEZ
BOARD SECRETARY



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