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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 26, 2016  
7:00pm – 9:00pm**

President, Ana Da Silva opened the **January 26, 2016 Board Meeting** with roll call:

**Members Present:**

Ana Da Silva  
Alfredo Farfan  
Mireya Romero  
Alyssa Jackson

Lara Okunubi  
Mark Grimes  
Teyanna Williams  
Karen Washington

Diana Ugalde  
Veronica Moser

**Members Absent:**

Sandra Casado

**Staff Present:**

Dexter Henderson  
Marsha Mitchell

Reuben Lee  
Deanna Corbin

Robert Johnson  
Maria Figueroa

President Ana Da Silva requested the board's approval of the **September 22, 2015** Board Minutes as presented.

**BOARD ACTION:**

**To Approve SCLARC Board Minutes of September 22, 2015**

**M/S/C: V. Moser/M. Grimes/Unanimous**

**APPROVAL OF SCLARC 2016 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT** – Marsha Mitchell

Ms. Mitchell presented the board with SCLARC's 2016 Performance Contract. A public hearing was held on July 22, 2015. 37 individuals participated in the hearing, including 3 individuals with the service provider community, 2 parents, 2 consumers, 29 SCLARC staff and 1 individual from the state council on developmental disabilities. Input was also solicited from 18 consumers and 5 support staff who met to review the document on July 20. Their recommendation was to add an objective to provide relationship awareness training to consumers in 2016. The performance contract was modified to include their request. SCLARC's Executive Committee approved the proposed contract and placed it on our website for the public comment. After receiving public comment the revised performance contract was given back to our board with the two additional objectives and approved it November 30, 2015.

**BOARD ACTION:**

**To Approve SCLARC 2016 Performance Contract**

**M/S/C: M. Romero/ V. Moser/Unanimous**

**SCLARC BOARD MEMBERSHIP** – Ana DaSilva

Ms. Da Silva reported to the board that they will be receiving a biography within the next two weeks regarding prospective new board member Alfredo Rubalcava, who will be visiting in the next board meeting.

Ms. Da Silva informed the board that Dora Evans presented her resignation in December 2015. She stated her schedule had changed and she was no longer able to attend all of the board meetings and she felt it was best if she resigned.

**BOARD ACTION:**

**To Approve Dora Evans resignation.**

**M/S/C: M. Romero/M. Grimes/Unanimous**

Ms. Da Silva informed the board of Mr. Farfan's 1<sup>st</sup> term being over and approving him for a new term of three years.

**BOARD ACTION:**

**To Approve Alfredo Farfan for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term of three years.**

**M/S/C: M. Romero/T. Payne/Unanimous**

**AGENCY DIRECTORS REPORTS**

**BUDGET UPDATE & FINANCE REPORT** – Robert Johnson

Robert Johnson presented the **POS Expenditure Projection Report**, the **Statement of Revenue and Expenditures**, and the **Balance Sheet**. The following financial highlights were reported to the board:

The *POS Expenditure Projection Report* indicates we are projecting our annual estimated Purchase of Service (POS) Expenditures for the current month at a high estimate of \$162,602,013.

The *Statement of Revenue and Expenditure Report* show the agency is projecting \$3,145,879 deficit in Purchase of Service (POS). The reason for the shortfall is we don't have all the allocation from the State.

The *Balance Sheet* shows we have \$14,983,598 in cash. The agency does not anticipate any deficit in either Operations or POS.

**BOARD ACTION:**

**To Approve the Financial Reports**

**M/S/C: M. Romero/T. Payne/Unanimous**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS REPORT** – Mireya Romero

Ms. Romero reported to the board that the Consumer Service Committee met yesterday. In overall they reviewed general goals that were set last year and decided to add a new one which was to sponsor for activities for the Consumer Advisory Committee which was the primary goal of the meeting yesterday. Some of the other activities also include:

- Black History Month which is going to be a SCLARC day at the California African American Museum with the approval of the board
- A Cinco de Mayo event in the community
- A movie day
- A Christmas or Holiday Function

**CONSUMER AND SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT** – Reuben Lee

Mr. Lee presented the board with the *Self Determination Advisory Committee Report and the Centers for Medicare Services*.

The Self Determination Committee meets at SCLARC the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The committee has grown in their confidence and everyone is coming together. Mr. Lee directed people to visit our website [www.sclarc.org](http://www.sclarc.org) to see the Self-Determination video from the state. It starts off with former Director Santi Rogers and it's about 8-10 minute video and it gives a background of the Self Determination project. We've also done our own self-determination project featuring the committee members. It's about a three minute video. The Self-Determination has been placed into law, however, it has not been approved by the Federal Government and is going back and forth with the Federal Government and Department of Developmental Services. We are just waiting for the waiver to be signed off.

In January 2014, CMS announced it had finalized important rules that affect HCBS waiver programs and 1915(i) State Plan programs provided through Medicaid/ Medi-Cal, and subsequently published regulations in the Federal Register on January 16, 2014. The rules became effective 60 days from publication, or March 17, 2014. These final regulations are CMS 2249-F and CMS 2296-F. Prior to the final rule, home and community based (HCB) setting requirements were based on location, geography, or physical characteristics. The final rules define HCB settings as more process and outcome-oriented, guided by the consumer's person centered service plan:

#### California Statewide Transition Plan for HCBS - August 14, 2015

1. Being integrated in and supporting full access to the greater community, including opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources, and receive services in the community, to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS.
2. Giving individuals the right to select from among various setting options, including non-disability specific settings and an option for a private unit in a residential setting.
3. Ensuring individuals' rights of privacy, dignity and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.
4. Optimizing autonomy and independence in making life choices, including daily activities, physical environment and with whom to interact.
5. Facilitating choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them.

For Medicaid/Medi-Cal provider-owned or controlled HCB residential settings, the provider must offer:

6. A legally enforceable agreement between the provider and the consumer that allows the consumer to own, rent or occupy the residence and provides protection against eviction.
7. Privacy in units including lockable doors, choice of roommates and freedom to furnish and decorate units.
8. Options for individuals to control their own schedules including access to food at any time.
9. Individual's freedom to have visitors at any time.
10. A physically accessible setting.

#### **VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT** - Lara Okunubi

Ms. Okunubi reported to the board that the VAC had their first meeting in January. She reported great attendance almost 50% increase from normal attendance.

#### **CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT** - Desiree Boykin/Alyssa Jackson

Ms. Boykin provided the board with an update of ARCA Consumer Advisory Committee. She reported that 19 consumers were there at the ARCA meeting either via phone or physically there. She reported that Grass Root Day will take place March 30, 2016.

Ms. Jackson gave an overview on three Advisory Committee meetings held November 15, 2015, December 21, 2015, and January 25, 2016.

During the November 15, 2015 meeting the group discussed in volunteering and had guest speakers We Are Family and consumer advocate Desiree Boykin. The CAC had elections for new officers; Alyssa was reelected president, Antwan vice president, Alan sergeant of arms, Lionel secretary, and Emily as treasurer. On Monday December 21, 2015 Alyssa reported that they had a Christmas party potluck. They played games and did a raffle and all the consumers and their families received gifts. The January 25, CAC meeting was held at Dennis Restaurant in Crenshaw and ideas for the next year were discussed. We also went over the agenda for the next 6 months. Some CAC members suggested small trips to amusement parks, museums, cruises, and one big trip a year. The CAC welcomed 2 new members Willis and Yolanda and a returning member Andrew. Alyssa also shared with the board that recently the CAC had a basketball tournament, their first basketball game with Westside and they won.

### **Executive Directors Report** - Dexter Henderson

Mr. Henderson provided the board with an update concerning *the State Budget FY 16-17* and the He reported the following to the board:

Early January the governor came out with a new budget and that's a part of the regular process we go through here in California. There are two important items that need to happen as far as the government is concerned. The first one is the passage of what they are calling now the managed care reform act. The state receives over 1 billion dollars and taxed dollars from managed care organizations. These organizations pay according to the formula that they have. The federal government reviewed the formula and said is not a fair formula and gave the state two years to fix the end of those two years will be July of 2016. We've been told in the last week that the governor is very close and in fact their weeks away from having an agreement with all the management care organizations and with the legislature such that the managed care reform act is going to pass where we do not have that billion dollar whole in the budget. The second item that the governor announced is that he is going to continue to hold the line to keep the budget in shape. They don't want to keep giving and taking back that money or taking that approach what they intend to do is have enough money in the coffers such that when we have a year that is not as good as the current year that we are apparently having right now they will be able to sustain for a rainy day.

He has also indicated that the budget that he has given he wants to share some of these additional dollars with key organizations. So first of all what they want to do is spend a good portion of that money on the restoration of the in home support services program that was cut by 70% about 400 million dollars will be targeted for that purpose and the governor has indicated an interest in providing some money to the developmental services system as well assuming again that the tax passes. ARCA and other organizations in the state the Laterman Act and Coalition are talking about how that money should and could be allocated. Right now there are saying they are asking for 10% infusion of dollars toward operations or staffing for both regional centers and service providers. They are giving incentives to the managed care folks to either work efficiently and receive higher amounts of dollars and some of those dollars go back to the state and so that's the money we are talking about and is expected to generate at least 1 billion plus dollars.

The governor also indicating that he is willing to give 15 million dollars to use as a grant program for service providers to come into compliance in regards to some of the items Mr. Lee was talking about in his presentation. Service providers will come up with ideas and submit to the regional center. They are also going to put money in for Regional Centers to have a staff person who specifically is focused on doing this kind of thing. Then there's also a 17 million put into the current year budget to hire an additional 200 state wide service coordinators to help reduce and manage our caseloads.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice President, Ana DaSilva then adjourned the January 26, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting at 9:00pm.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next SCLARC Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 22, 2016, at **SCLARC, 2500 South Western Ave. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Legacy Community Room**

**Submitted by:**

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Deanna Corbin  
Executive Secretary

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**Approved by:**

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Mark Grimes  
Board Secretary

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