

APPROVED



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
JULY 23, 2013**

Board President, Lisa Sanchez opened the **July 23, 2013 Board Meeting** at 7:00pm with roll call:

Members Present:

Lisa Sanchez
Alfredo Farfan
Manami Go

Anissa McNeil
Sandra Casado
Alan McDowell

Karen Washington
Claudia Hernandez
Veronica Moser

Members Absent:

Ana DaSilva
Edgar Herrera

Jocelyn Baber-Gant
Lara Okunubi

Renett Clough

Staff Present:

Dexter Henderson
Marsha Mitchell
Phyllis McClean – (Consultant)

Reuben Lee
Deanna Corbin

Roy Doronila
Maria Figueroa

Board President Lisa Sanchez requested the board to approve the March 26, **2013** Board Minutes, and the May 28, 2013 Board Minutes and June 28th Special Board of Directors Minutes as presented.

BOARD ACTION:

To Ratify and Approve SCLARC Board Minutes of March, 26, May 28 and June 28 Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes as presented.

M/S/C: A. McNeil/ S. Casado / Unanimous

BOARD MEMBERSHIP - Dexter Henderson

Mr. Henderson announced the resignation of Board member Anissa McNeil.

BOARD ACTION:

To Accept Anissa McNeil's Resignation as a member of SCLARC's Board of Directors.

M/S/ C: John Harris / K. Washington / Unanimous

Mr. Henderson turned the board's attention to the Vendor Advisory Committee membership recommendation of Katherine Lance.

BOARD ACTION:

To Accept Katherine Lance as a new Vendor Advisory Committee member.

M/S/ C: John Harris / K. Washington / Unanimous

ARCA REPORT-Roy Doronila

Roy Doronila reported on the May, 2013 ARCA meeting held in Sacramento, where the talk was on budget information and the passing of the Budget and trailer bill making Early Start a priority. SB 579 is an ARCA-sponsored bill that we want to get approved prior to the Legislature adjourning on September 12th. There will be a discussion with the vendors of San Diego RC as well as Tri-Counties RC because those are the pilot centers. Also AB 1089 and SB 468, AB 906, and SB 555 are all bills before legislature for consideration as amendments and recommendations are being presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORTS:

FINANCIAL REPORT: Roy Doronila

Budget Update and Finance Report - Roy Doronila

Roy Doronila presented the POS Expenditure Projection Summary, the Statement of Expenditures and Revenue, and the Balance Sheet for the month ending May 31, 2013 (FY 2012-13). The following financial highlights were reported to the board.

There was a decrease in the projected POS expenditures in the amount of \$250,767 as a result of a combination of factors. The first reason for the reduction was the amount of growth for the month was less than expected. The average POS cost per client is also trending lower. The current projected expenditures exceed our budget allocation (D2) in the amount of \$8,536,320 in regular POS and \$3,677,800 in CPP. The reason for this variance is the fact that SCLARC has not received all of the budgeted funds from the State. It is anticipated that the majority of the shortfall will be covered in future allocations for both POS and CPP. We continue to not treat this shortfall as a budget deficit for that reason. Our current cash position indicates adequate balance to pay for budgeted expenditures. Staff's fiscal outlook remains positive for the rest of the fiscal year.

The outlook for FY 13-14 remains positive. There are additional funds projected for both Ops and POS. The sunset of 1.25% rate reduction was one of many positive outcomes of the budget negotiations. We expect a better budget year once again.

The audit for FY 11-12 is now scheduled for April 29, 2013 and expected to last for three weeks.

CONSUMER AND SUPPORTS SERVICES - *Rueben Lee* **June 2013 Trailer Bill Language Affecting Regional Centers**

Reuben Lee reported on the Trailer bill Language affecting regional centers. **Section 4519.5** was added to the Trailer Bill Language. This law compels the Department (DDS) and regional centers to come together to collaborate and compile data on POS expenditures by authorization utilization in the following categories. Age of Consumers: Birth – 2yrs, 3years-21years, and 22 years & older, Race or ethnicity, primary language and disability. Currently we have had two meetings with our Leadership team and SCLARC Managers to analyze this data. All regional centers must have this information on their websites by March 31st, 2013.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS - Marsha Mitchell- SCLARC Town Hall Meetings Recap

As an agency, South Central Los Angeles Regional Center is charged with the critical task of raising awareness about the challenges that people with developmental disabilities face, the services that SCLARC provides and developing creative and innovative programs in order to realize our mission. Our mission is to provide quality services for our consumers and their families, enabling all to lead fuller, richer lives. SCLARC's goal is to educate the larger community about the issues impacting individuals with developmental disabilities.

Recently, the California Legislature, through Trailer Bill Language, determined that in order to allow for better statewide and local oversight of access and equity issues within the developmental services system, that all regional centers in the coming weeks, we will be holding several Town Hall Meetings to discuss this information with our consumers, families, vendors and community stakeholders. The first meeting will be held at the regional center. The second will be held at Charles Drew University and the third in a location to be determined. SCLARC will also create a newsletter regarding POS Disparity issues within our catchment and across the state. Lastly, SCLARC will send out a parent survey regarding customer service and service provision in an effort to understand how we can better serve our consumers and their families.

ARCA CAC ADVISORY REPORT – *Desiree Boykin*

Desiree Boykin attended the ARCA CAC Meeting in Sacramento July 19, 2013 she reported the following:

- ARCA-CAC the minutes were approved from April and May meeting
- ARCA- CAC now has two work groups- Group 1, will work on self - advocacy and group 2, will work on policy and legislation. Group 1 decided to use social media, to help grow self- advocacy and possibly use Google group, Facebook and Linked-In.
- ARCA-CAC group 1 wants to have a Speaker's Bureau so many more consumers/ clients can have their voice heard.

- ARCA-CAC wants to have a meeting in Los Angeles and Ventura counties so more consumers/ clients can be involved and talk to local community organizations.
- ARCA-CAC group 2- Legislative and Policy- wants to go visit day programs and help them learn about legislation and policy
- ARCA-CAC group 2 wants to volunteer at different legislative offices to understand different policies and how legislation works.
- ARCA-CAC Budget and Legislation: Early Start bill didn't pass. There were many in support of this bill. The IHSS settlement is 8 percent and will go down to 7 percent.
- Denti-Cal for Adults-Adults will be able to get their teeth cleaned.
Eye exams for visions
- Annual family program fee is in affect
- ARCA-CAC bills ready to be discussed: SB-468 Self Determination ; AB 1042 Employment First Policy; AB 1089 Foster Children of the Regional Center to make sure the case transfers easily from one Regional Center to another; SB-579 Oversight Efficiency and Quality Enhancement Model; SB 111 Signature Stamp for voting.
- ARCA-CAC members had an inspirational chat with Motivational Speaker Andreas Economopoulos. He stated that he is always here to help the next generation. He wants to make sure that the younger generation is aware of their rights.
- All members gave an update report on how their CAC's are doing.

CAC REPORT – *Alan McDowell*

June CAC Meeting:

A new member joined the CAC-Felicia. She is interested in catering and is attending Trade Tech. She brought a sample of her appetizers to the meeting, which everyone enjoyed!

The upcoming Job Fair was discussed. CAC members shared the jobs they had. A date has to be identified.

Desiree provided an overview of the protocol for participating in the CAC and also discussed the upcoming Self-Advocacy Conference on June 28th. Three CAC members are to attend.

July CAC Meeting

Discussed topics for the Job Fair including but not limited to: Holding workshops re: how to complete job applications, how to write a resume, information re: ADA, how to find a job if you have a criminal record, etc. Ideas re: potential employers included: jobs in construction, jobs with the police/Sheriff's Department, fast food industry, hospitals, retail stores, etc. It was decided that the Job Fair would be held May 2014.

The CAC discussed topics for the August speaker-Johanna Arias-"Independence and Freedom of Choice". Topics included: Define freedom vs. privacy, how can you be assertive and obtain you rights in an appropriate manner, how do you maintain child custody and prevent DCFS custody, etc.

The CAC will start a "Sunshine Fund" in October for the purpose of purchasing snacks. In October, the CAC will also hold elections. A Treasurer will be added to the list of officers.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Dexter Henderson – None Provided

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

President, Lisa Sanchez then moved to adjourn the July 23, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting at 9:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next SCLARC Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 12th, 2013, in Huntington Beach, CA.