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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
MARCH 26, 2013**

Board President, Lisa Sanchez opened the **March 26, 2013 Board Meeting** at 7:00pm with roll call:

Members Present:

Lisa Sanchez

John Harris

Claudia Hernandez

Anissa McNeil

Alfredo Farfan

Manami Go

Karen Washington

Sandra Casado

Members Absent:

Bill West

Renett Clough

Veronica Moser

Ana DaSilva

Alan McDowell

Jocelyn Baber-Gant

Edgar Herrera

Staff Present:

Dexter Henderson

Marsha Mitchell

Phyllis McClean

Reuben Lee

Deanna Corbin

Roy Doronila

Maria Figueroa

Board President Lisa Sanchez motioned the board to approve the **January 22, 2013** Board Minutes as presented.

BOARD ACTION:

To Approve SCLARC Board Minutes of January 22, 2013 as presented

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

BOARD MEMBERSHIP - Dexter Henderson

Board member Bill West has not attended our board meetings for some time now and according to our bylaws a member can be removed for three or more absences. We have given Mr. West a number of excused absences and we usually try to reach out to our members to find out why they are not in attendance, however, he has not responded to our latest inquiry and I believe the board has reason at this point to exercise their authority to request that he be removed from SCLARC's Board of Directors for missing three or more meetings.

BOARD ACTION:

**To Remove Board Member Bill West from SCLARC's Board of Directors
M/S/ C: A. McNeil/ K. Washington / Unanimous**

Mr. Henderson turned the board's attention to the SCLARC bylaws, where there is a provision that states each regional center will have a Vendor Advisory Committee representative be a part of the board and participate as other members with the exception of the voting floor and increases to their POS services.

John Harris who is the current chair of the VAC has indicated that he no longer is able to fulfill his obligation to these meetings on a regular basis and has asked for a designee to take his place on the board. John Harris will continue to chair the VAC but will no longer have a seat on SCLARC's board. Mr. Henderson then turned the meeting over to John Harris to introduce the new VAC designee who will be participating on the board.

John turned his seat on the board to his Vice Chair and very productive member of the Vendor Advisory Committee, Lara Okunubi. Some of Lara's highpoints include: a Master's ABA from London, a Bachelor's degree from Nigeria in Business Administration. She has done well in the Textile Industry; she is a Director of Imports for the Course Nine Development Equipment and a Director of Mexico Imports for Guess, Inc. and is the owner of Ideal Program Services. Lara will be a wonderful addition to SCLARC's board.

Lara employs over 50 individuals and is the CEO and proud owner of Ideal Program Services. Lara's overarching goal is to help achieve, develop, support, sustain and enhance the lives of those individuals with developmental disabilities.

Lara Okunubi accepted her seat on SCLARC's Board of Directors.

Mr. Henderson then turned the attention to Board Member Alan McDowell who has served on SCLARC's Board for the past three years and is a representative of the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) and has been an exemplary Consumer Advocate. Mr. McDowell's first 3year term as a board member has ended and we are asking the board to approve a second term of three years for Alan to serve on SCLARC's board.

BOARD ACTION:

To Approve Alan McDowell to a Second Term of Three (3) Years on SCLARC's Board of Directors

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

Marsha Mitchell continued with Board Membership by introducing one of SCLARC's newest board members Michelle Rappino who was unable to attend the board meeting due to an emergency. Marsha expressed the desire to move forward by accepting her to SCLARC's board although she is not present. Marsha then read a brief biography on Michelle Rappino which was included in the board packets.

BOARD ACTION:

To Approve Michelle Rappino as a Member of SCLARC's Board of Directors

M/S/ C: A. McNeil/ K. Washington / Unanimous

Mr. Henderson then continued with the second potential board member, Mark Grimes. Mr. Henderson introduced Mr. Grimes and read a brief summary of Mark's background which was also included in the board packet.

BOARD ACTION:

To Approve Mark Grimes as a Member of SCLARC's Board of Directors

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

Mr. Grimes was present and accepted his seat on SCLARC's Board of Directors.

ARCA REPORT- President, Lisa Sanchez

Lisa reported on the March 22, 2013 ARCA meeting held in Sacramento, where the talk was on budget information, financial reports, pending legislation, and how regional centers will be impacted by some of the pending legislation. There was more talk than usual regarding legislation, particularly regarding the Steinberg Autism Initiative which was discussed. The board was asked to give a position on whether we wanted be in a watch position or if there was anything in general we could support.

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 December 31, 2012 (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 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.

POS DISPARITY DATA REPORT - *Reuben Lee*

Reuben Lee reported on POS Disparity Data. 2012-13 **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 the March 31st. 2013.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS - *Marsha Mitchell*

As an agency, South Central Los Angeles Regional Center is charged with the critical tasks 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 will display existing purchase of service utilization and expenditure data with respect to race and ethnicity, age of consumer, and disability on their websites' Transparency Portals. SCLARC's Transparency Portal is located at <http://www.sclarc.org/transparency-portal.php>.

The age of consumers are broken down by ages birth to two, three to twenty-one, and twenty-two and older. Disability detail is provided as well as information regarding race and ethnicity. The data is also publicly posted on DDS' website and regional centers are required to meet with their stakeholders regarding the data.

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS (cont.)

Maria Figueroa Reporting on Grassroot's Day

Marsha Mitchell, Director of Consumer Services and Family Supports and Maria Figueroa, SCLARC's Community Relations Specialist attended ARCA's 2013 Grassroots Day in Sacramento along with SCLARC delegates Alfredo Farfan, father and SCLARC Board Member, Consumer Advisory Committee President Alan McDowell, Consumer Advocate Desiree Boykin and Ideal Services ILS Program Manager Karla Melgar, Service Provider Shawn Bailey, Supported Living Instructor Michelle McBurnie, and SCLARC's Consumer Advocate Consultant Phyllis McClean.

ARCA's Grassroots Day is dedicated to Advocacy and allowing regional center stakeholders to meet with legislators at the state capitol to express issues concerning those who receive services from the 21 regional centers across the state.

Two key issues this year was the sunseting of the 1.25% reduction to Regional Center Operation and Purchase of Service budgets and Restoring the Early Start Program to its Pre-October 2009 state. There are also two Senate Bills that ARCA supports. Senate Bill 579 addresses quality assurance and Senate Bill would allow prospective voters with verified signature stamps to use them to register to vote online.

Maria also reported that SCLARC had the 2nd busiest meeting schedule of all participating regional centers at the Capitol. SCLARC delegates had the privilege of meeting directly with Assembly member Holly Mitchell of District as well as Assembly member Reggie Jones Sawyer of District 59, Anthony Pendon of District 63 and Christina Garcia, District 58.

Phyllis McClean commented that the legislators are now well aware of the regional center's system where before they weren't. Al Gore's assistant did more talking than we did. She talked about the regional center and how wonderful it was. We didn't have to convince her of anything. They are really well aware of our system and they do support us.

Marina stated overall, Grassroots Day was a huge success. It was a privilege and an honor for all who represented SCLARC and voiced the concerns of those with developmental disabilities.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Dexter Henderson

Dexter began his report by stating that ARCA is going through a strategic planning process and they've asked, that you give specific input to the vision, mission, and the value statements that you have in your board packets. ARCA is asking all regional centers to give input regarding a reasonable vision, a reasonable mission, and value statement. Make any suggestions that you may have to approve or enhance or in some way modify the vision, mission, and value statement.

This document also talks about some priority areas in terms of focusing for the association. In this document, I believe it has three priority areas dealing with

funding quality assurance, and the effectiveness of our system. ARCA is asking all regional center boards to give their input regarding long term structure and sustainability of the system and how we should modify the system to sustain it over the next number of years. ARCA wants a vision and a mission statement that everyone is going to buy into. It has to appropriately reflect the vision or the mission of the association and obviously it does not do that at this point.

Dr. McNeil stated she would add or incorporate legislative actions to the Mission Statement as it reads. The ARCA value statement does not have value in regards to a legislative action(s), so, to add value to the statement, ARCA has to indicate legislative advocacy on behalf of the health of Regional Center's and Californians with developmental disabilities because that is a part of their mission statement. Also, ARCA's values do not include the value of training in education of Californians with disabilities, so I'd like to see something added to this in regards to the value of the training and education of individuals with disabilities.

Dexter then asked the board to forward their comments and/or changes to the Vision, Value, and Mission Statements to Deanna Corbin via email or you can bring them with you to our next board meeting so she can forward to the association as soon as possible.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

President, Lisa Sanchez then moved to adjourn the March 26, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting at 8:30 pm.

President, Lisa Sanchez then moved the Board into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 8:30pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next SCLARC Board of Directors meeting will be held on **May 28, 2013, at 7 P.M., at the corporation's place of business.**