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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
MAY 28, 2013**

Board Vice President, Ana DaSilva opened the **May 28, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting** at 7:00pm with roll call:

Members Present:

Ana DaSilva	Anissa McNeil	Karen Washington
Manami Go	Michelle Rappino	Mark Grimes
Alan McDowell	Manami Go	Alfredo Farfan

Members Absent:

Lisa Sanchez	Jocelyn Baber-Gant	Renett Clough	Sandra Casado
Lara Okunubi	Veronica Moser	Edgar Herrera	

Staff Present:

Dexter Henderson	Reuben Lee	Roy Doronila
Marsha Mitchell	Deanna Corbin	Maria Figueroa
Phyllis McClean		

APPROVAL OF SCLARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2013

**Motion to Approve SCLARC Board Minutes May 28, 2013 as Presented
m/s/c: Karen Washington/ Anissa McNeil/ Manami Go**

BOARD MEMBERSHIP - Dexter Henderson

Dr. Michelle Rappino was introduced at the last meeting and in her absence, Marsha read her biography to you. Ms. Rappino had an unexpected emergency and was unable to make our last board meeting however, in her absence, the board accepted her to the SCLARC Board of Directors. Mr. Henderson officially welcomed Dr. Michelle Rappino to her first board meeting. We have included her biography in the minutes and we want to offer her a chance to say hello, or give any additional information she may want to share about herself.

Michelle Rappino

Good evening, I have actually been in education for 16 years. I've been a school teacher for many years, I became a coach, and then an administrator. Currently I am a Principal and a Professor at The University of Phoenix. I've been able to teach children of all ages. Children with and without disabilities however, my experience is extensive in regards to working with children with special needs. I also come from a perspective as an advocate. Having to sometimes explain, which may be something very difficult because you're dealing with a variety of circumstances and you are talking to parents about their children. I am here to make a difference in the community I grew up in. I know the Regional Centers have done a lot of advocacy work that I'd like to be involved in

ARCA REPORT- None for the Month of April.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT: Roy Doronila

Budget Update and Finance Report - Roy Doronila

FY 12-13 Report

Roy Doronila presented the POS Expenditure Projection Summary, the Statement of Expenditures and Revenue, and the Balance Sheet for month ending April 30, 2013. The following financial highlights were reported to the board. There was a net reduction in the projected POS expenditures in the amount of \$172,643 as a result of a combination of less growth and other adjustments. The current projected expenditures exceed our initial budget

allocation (D4) in the amount of \$10,903,041 in regular POS and \$2,462,122 in CPP. The main 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 the in future Allocation for both POS and CPP. We continue to not treat this shortfall as a budget deficit for that reason. Our outlook remains positive for the rest of the fiscal year, however, cash flow is now our biggest challenge. The State's reimbursements have been consistently delayed. We anticipate utilizing our credit lines to bridge the gap. We also expect no delays in the signing of the budget and therefore the advance check should on time.

FY 13-14 Budget Highlights

We continue to have positive outlook for FY 13-14. In the last analysis, it was projected that caseload will grow by 3.4% and POS is projected to increase \$151.8 million or 4.2% increase. The Operations budget is also projected to increase by \$24.6 million or 4.6%. The main reasons for the increases are caseload growth, increase in utilization and the restoration of the 1.2% payment reduction.

CONSUMER AND SUPPORT SERVICES – Rueben Lee- No Report Given.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS- Marsha Mitchell

We've been talking to you for the last several meetings regarding Purchase of Services Disparities. Last meeting, we informed the board of issues regarding the mandate from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to put our POS Disparity Data on our transparency portal. Trailer Bill language dictates that all regional centers display this information on their Transparency Portals and to hold public meetings to talk about disparity data with their various stakeholders.

In our last board meeting, we briefly spoke to you about the upcoming Town Hall meetings. The 1st meeting will actually be held on Thursday, June 30th here at SCLARC. The last page of your board packet shows you all the information that will be presented at the Town Hall meeting. The topics will include: Customer Service, Intake & Assessment, Services Division and the Quality of Services. Since we last met, we've actually had a couple of wonderful opportunities to partner with our stakeholders. SCLARC has created a newsletter that explains what a disparity is and why services across the board may look different between the categories of age and race.

When you look at the data we have composed, we've found that many of our Hispanic consumers are under school age and the school district provides services for them as mandated

by law. Conversely, most of our African American consumers are over 22 years of age, so by law the regional centers have to pay for those services. Compounding the matter is that many of our African American families place their loved ones in residential homes or facilities. Whereas we find our Latino consumers tend to keep their loved ones, children, and siblings at home with them. Just by the residential factor alone, the cost could be anywhere between \$5 to \$20,000 dollars per month per consumer and that can drive that data up or down.

As an agency, we are looking to see how the DSM-5 is going to impact us and services as well. We are also looking at our policies to see how that could be impacted the POS Disparity issue. We are doing the internal work along with providing opportunities for our public to speak on issue which is why we're going to the community.

We have scheduled three town halls meetings. The first meeting will be held here at SCLARC. The second meeting will be held at the Charles Drew Keck Auditorium in Compton and the 3rd in Downey at Rio Hondo Golf Course. Each will be at scheduled at different times of the day to make sure we're giving everyone the opportunity to come express how we are doing, in terms of the quality of services, customer service and overall concerns. SCLARC also decided to send out parent surveys in Spanish and English.

This survey was approved by leadership and is being translated. If we don't get the responses, in terms of the data, we will then send teams into the community as a follow-up because we think this information is important enough for us to make a serious effort to hire and contract with MSW students at USC and/or St. Mary's to complete a sampling.

Maricela Robles – Liaison for Southern California Clinical and Trans Regional Science Institute

I am the community Liaison for the Southern California Clinical and Trans Regional Science Institute. We are a research institute funded by the National Institute of Health and are based at the University of Southern California. We are in collaboration with the Children's Hospital of Cancer. Today we are thankful to be a part of this meeting. It's our 1st time attending a board meeting like this to announce the study we are conducting. This is an Autism disparity study that is coming from the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and the Autism Treatment Network at Children's Hospital. We want to better understand the disparities among African Americans and Latino families and the issues they are having with diagnosis at a later time, in comparison to their white counterparts. The Children's Hospital in particular want to develop programs in intervention that can meet the needs that have been identified among these disparities and to do that we've decided to have a series of focus groups throughout the different regional centers. So we're actually reaching out to different regional centers and recruiting Latino and African American families to the series of focus groups. We'll have discussions about what has been your process in obtaining diagnosis and services or if they even know about services. Along with this discussion comes a short survey geared around their

experiences with providers and possible language barriers as well as some demographic information. Currently we are having discussions to identify those barriers and having opportunities to develop programs that can meet those needs. This information will be used at Children's Hospital but it will also hopefully help inform regional centers.

Marsha Mitchell-Bray

The other thing I'd like to point out to you in the document is that we have been doing lots of work at the Capitol. SCLARC's staff went up to SAC for hearings by both the sub-committees on Health & Human Services. There are roughly 15 bills that ARCA and most regional centers are tracking regarding POS services, many of them has to do with Autism. They are in your packet. Many of them deal with the sun-setting of co-pays and insurance subsidies paying for Autism services related to Autism. So, these bills are meant to be extended in order to stop the sunseting.

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Alan McDowell

Consumer Advisory Committee meeting was held meeting April 8, 2013 at 4:15pm. The committee reviewed the events of the upcoming May, 2013 CAC Health Fair to be put on for the community and the regional centers. The plans for the health fair were received well. Alan indicated that he would share flyers with other vendors at the health fair.

Alan, Quashay and Christopher volunteered to be greeters at the fair. They were told to arrive no later than 1pm on May 16, 2013. Karen, Eugene and Quashay provided feedback regarding the relationship training at the SABLAC meeting April 6th. It was pointed out that Alyssa participated in the training but was not present during this CAC meeting. Consultant, Phyllis McClean indicated that the presentation was excellent and there was full participation from the audience comprised of consumers from various regional centers and community agencies.

Desiree spoke about the importance of Facebook which allows people with disabilities from within the U.S. and around the world to communicate and feel supported. Desiree also spoke about her experience at the "Westside Jam" sponsored by WRC. She indicated that it was very successful and that various vendors and entertainers were present. Additionally there was plenty of food and dancing.

Finally the group discussed the upcoming Self-Advocacy Conference to be held May 3rd and 4th in Sacramento. Two members of the CAC will be attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held May 20, 2013.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT - Dexter Henderson

I want to speak on the Vendor Advisory Committee for the new board members. Each Regional Center is required to have a Vendor Advisory Committee at that Regional Center. That Vendor Advisory Committee has the opportunity to designate a person to be on the actual Board of Directors. It's like that throughout Regional Centers. Regional Centers have a requirement that the individual appointed must be a service provider within the region or catchment that they will be participation on. They can vote and act as a board member like any other board member with the exception of voting on an issue that relates to increasing the rates for service providers. I think that's the only issue they can't participate in. In that regard, all Vendor Advisory Committee members are appointed by this group. This is in our by-laws and their by-laws that this group must appoint the board member who is serving on that advisory committee. The Vendor Advisory Committee has 15 people and we attempt to have a diversity vote in terms of ethnicity on the board as well as diversity with respect to the types of vendors that we have on the board. It's a combination of residential, transportation, day program, IHSS, service providers that get's appointed to that board by this group. Usually they are recommended fist, by the Vendor Advisory Committee itself and that's how we've done this recommendation. We recently received five request to augment the ten people that are already on the Vendor Advisory Committee and unfortunately we are in the position to recommend that one of those person's be placed on the Vendor Advisory Committee at this point. John Wagoner is that prospective person and his application in your board packet. John Wagoner, Jr. is now CEO of ARC Mid-cities, which is a long standing provider of our organization. His father preceded him in participation on the Vendor Advisory Committee and was a Pioneer in the establishment of our Regional Center. He has been working for ARCA Mid-cities for as long as he can remember and is now the CEO there. He's a very accomplished person. Beyond that, I believe he is an engineer.

I would like to recommend placing John on the Vendor Advisory Committee. If you're wondering why the other folks didn't make the cut, this will provide you with reasons. There are a couple of people who attend the VAC meetings but they're not actually SCLARC vendors. So in that regard we would not recommend the person to be on our Vendor Advisory Committee. The exception to that has been that if you are actually from, let's say Letterman Regional Center, but you had over 50 clients that are attending your program. We would consider you in that regard as a SCLARC vendor and we would make an exception to appointing that person to the board. So, in those instances these individuals didn't make that kind of cut. We will be going back to the VAC and discussing that with them. In other instances if a vendor is not in good

standing with the organization, I don't mean we like or dislike them, but I mean from the standpoint of having some deficiencies we've dealt with before in which we're not 100% satisfied with the quality of services they provide. We do not make that recommendation. Now there may be a situation where we don't make a recommendation like that, the VAC can still come to the board and offer that as their recommendation, but in that instance the staff would remain behind putting that individual on the board. The only person that's kind of risen to the top, with respect to these two issues, at this point is John Wagner. The other instance that we wouldn't recommend is if we had, let's say 4 or 5 residential providers on the board on the VAC and another residential provider said they would be interested in a tenant. We would probably say to them that we have quite a few of residential providers on the board at this point and we will ask them to wait until another time when we have fewer residential providers on the board. So, that's how we keep the diversity going on the board, in terms of service providers. Normally the VAC would make this recommendation to the board but on their behalf we don't have a problem with recommending that John Wagner be appointed to the Vendor Advisory Committee, as a member of that committee effective in June.

The only other issue that I have is that I am very pleased. Normally I don't have a lot of good news when I'm talking about the budget but there are a couple of things that need to be commented on. First of all, the overall budgeting process is moving along by every indication. We still expect to receive a budget by July 1st. The committees' have been operating almost from the beginning of the newyear in terms of receiving information and talking about the budget.

On May 15th the government made revisions so the budget was submitted on the 10th of January. It start's being revised by all the committees of the Legislature and the on May 15th the government starts the process over again by updating the fiscal data and other demographic information. They fine tune the estimates and give those final numbers to the respective committees' that are reviewing the budget. There are instances where your initial budget may increase or decrease. We had a number of small, minor corrections or modifications that don't really have a significant impact on the budget. We didn't have any significant decreases either in the January or in the May revise. From our standpoint, that is very good information. Also by all indications the State of California's economy is doing much better than it has been doing in the last four years or so, and as a result of that, there's an expectation that there's going to be about 4 billion dollars of surplus money in the State. You may have heard the governor on the news when he pretty much gave a lecture to the legislature by saying that he was not supportive

of trying to spend all of that money. The governor wanted to put most of that money to the side for a rainy day. I think education maybe an exception to that, but other than that, he wanted to dissuade the notion that there was going to be a lot of wholesale increases in things like IHSS, the Dental Cal program, and all of the Social Services programs. I think his attention was mostly directed to the Democrats because the Democrats have the majority in the Legislature. However, there's been a small outcry, a small push from advocacy groups and there was a lot of spontaneous support for the restoration of the Early Start Program. The Early Start Program in the fiscal year of 2009-10 was significantly reduced. 50 million was taken from the Regional Centers and the criteria for eligibility to participate in the Early Start program was increased so fewer infants would qualify for the opportunity to receive early development kinds of activities from the Regional Centers. We think that was one of the worst decisions that could have been made for the development of young children, because that's the most vulnerable period of time when we should be working with, enhancing, stimulating and providing as many resources as we possibly can to help reduce or eliminate the deficit that may be identified in the early years. There's been a constant push to restore the program and as a result of these efforts the recommendation is coming from both the Senate and the Assembly that they supported the restoration of the Early Start program, not in total but partially. That partial implementation would begin in October of this coming year, assuming that it's actually approved and I think its 12 million dollars that would begin the restoration of the program. The last thing is that the Family Fee is most likely going to be made permanent.

NEXT MEETING:

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