



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 23, 2018
Bell Community Center
7:00pm – 9:00pm**

President, Veronica Moser opened the **January 23, 2018 Board Meeting** with roll call:

Members Present:

Veronica Moser	Irma Nunez	Alfredo Farfan	
Teyanna Williams	Ramona Gallegos	Diana Ugalde	Sherita
Rogers	DeShawn Kelly	Wanda Cathran	
John Wagoner	Ascary Navarro	Jesus Murillo	
Eduardo Rodriguez	Javier Cortez		

Members Absent:

Stephanie Arlaud	Kristen Gozawa	Mark Grimes
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Staff Present:

Dexter Henderson	Reuben Lee	Marsha Mitchell	Maricel Cruzat	Roy Doronila
Deanna Corbin	Patricia Jimenez	Jesse Rocha	Valeria Salceda	Karmell Walker
Kimberly Bernardez	Janice Turner	Claudia A. Torres	Ida Dacus	Ted Bilbao
Shantel Garcia	Odulia Juarez	Roxana Bilbao	Joseph Velasquez	Crystal Smith
Esteban Ortiz				

Public: (From sign in sheet)

Martha Ramirez	Isaura Sainz	Rubi Saldana	Sandra Manchelli	Marta Alvarado
Maria Lopez	Karina Saldana	Teresa Flores		
Maria Cruz Moreno	Carina Saldana	Rosa Presiado	Arlyn Romero	
Sandra Maravel	Rosa Sierra	Petra Torres	Maria Tapia	Maria Verdugo
Magali Ochoa	Gladys Lizarraga	Francisca Vera		
Paula Aguillo	Josefina Rodriguez	Ana Pineda	Maria Ramirez	
Miriam J. Gudino	Lourdes Aguilar	Blanca Martinez	Martha Rodriguez	
Sara Martinez	Blanca Perez	Emma Orozco	Josefina Blancas	
Epifanio Sanchez	Silvia Diaz	Esperanza Taylor	Yadira Zepeda	
Petra Olvera	Mildred Orellana	Gloria Guzman	Maria Leonor Dimas	
Angelica Orellana	Veronica Gonzalez	Isabel Miron	Mariana Barosio	
Maricela Donate	Emma Farlan	Maria Sandoval	Beatriz Herrera	
Sandra Leiva	Lourdes Aguilar	Gloria G. Castaneda	Emma O. Vazquez	

President, Veronica Moser requested the board's approval of the November 14, 2017 Board Minutes as presented.

BOARD ACTION:

To Approve SCLARC Board Minutes of November 14, 2017.

M/S/C: R. Gallegos/A. Farfan/Unanimous

Ms. Moser urged the public to submit a board application if they are interested in SCLARC's board. Applications can be retrieved on SCLARC's website www.sclarc.org.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Veronica Moser

Ms. Moser informed the board that officer elections for president, vice president, treasurer and secretary will take place on March 27, 2018.

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Ascary Navarro

Mr. Navarro reported to the board that in the month of December the CAC was celebrating the holidays. In the month of January the CAC was discussing new topics to bring to the CAC meeting in addition to projects they were struggling with throughout the year. He also informed the board that in February the CAC is initiating the CAC club from 4-6pm.

The CAC meeting is held on the fourth Monday of each month from 10:00am – 12:00pm at SCLARC, 2500 S. Western Avenue, 4th Floor, Legacy Community Room 435.

CONSUMER SERVICES COMMITTEE – Sherita Rogers

December 11, 2017 during that meeting we addressed the LSVF Letter. Our committee made a draft of the responses and they were provided to the executive committee to finalize.

Sherita Rogers, Consumer Services Committee (CSC) Co-Chair, spoke briefly regarding their meeting held December 11, 2017. Ms. Rogers informed the board that the committee addressed the LSVF letter. The committee drafted a letter with the responses and provided that to the executive committee to finalize.

The CSC meeting is held the second Monday of each month from 6:00pm – 7:30pm at SCLARC, 2500 S. Western Avenue, 4th Floor Legacy Community Room 435.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Stephanie Arlaud, Chair

No report due to chairperson not being in attendance.

The finance committee meets on the third Wednesday, of every other month, the week prior to SCLARC's BOD meeting.

VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE – John Wagoner

No report due to chairperson not being in attendance.

The VAC meets the second Wednesday of every month from 10:00am – 12:00pm at SCLARC, 2500 S. Western Avenue, 4th Floor, Legacy Community Room 435.

AGENCY DIRECTORS REPORTS

BUDGET UPDATE & FINANCE REPORT – Roy Doronila

Roy Doronila presented the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, the Balance Sheet and the POS Expenditure Projection (PEP) summary. The following financial highlights were reported to the board:

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditure Report show the agency is projecting a balanced budget in operations as of November 2017. In POS we are projecting expenditures of \$203,443,530. In the same report we project a POS deficit of \$5,759,350 with the reason being SCLARC has not received all of its allocation for the year.

The Balance Sheet as of November 2017 shows we have \$28,699,193 in cash compared to the same time last year when the agency had \$27,637,624.

The POS Expenditure Projection (PEP) summary indicates our current month projection for our annual estimated Purchase of Service (POS) Expenditures totals \$209,202,880.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS REPORT – Marsha Mitchell

Ms. Mitchell informed the board regarding the Self-Determination training being held at SCLARC Saturday, January 27, 2018. She advised the board that families who have shown interest in the Self-Determination program should have received a notice last week. The State of California used SCLARC as its training venue for the Southern California Regional Centers regarding Self-Determination and its implementation.

In late December families began receiving letters stating that they have been selected for the Self-Determination lottery. SCLARC is holding the training for SCLARC parents and consumers who have shown interest. The list totaled about 149 people. We are asking that this be a mandatory training because you must have an overview training of the program itself. During the training scheduled for Saturday we want to make sure we are updating consumers about the program and answering questions. SCLARC has 108 slots available.

CONSUMER AND SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT– Reuben Lee/Jenice Turner

Mr. Lee reported to the board regarding SCLARC's Revised Respite Policy update. In January the department informed us of the approval of the revised respite policy and requested a few updates. One of the updates requested for regional centers was to put the policy on the exceptions. Additionally, Mr. Lee informed the board and public that there has been no decrease in respite but actually an increase. He also spoke briefly regarding the list of services for age group of 0-3. He informed the board and public that the list was created based on services frequently requested. In the next board meeting we will provide a list from 3-10 years of age.

Mr. Lee informed the board and audience that effective February 28, 2018 he will no longer be the Director of DCAS as he will be retiring from SCLARC and introduced Jesse Rocha as new director.

Ms. Turner reported on concerns from parents that were received in 2017. SCLARC received concerns from 20 consumers for service requests, request for new services, or increase for services that were currently authorized. Information requested was related to generic agency items, which included, advocacy in the school district for IEP's, socialization program, weight management programs, health plan referrals, immigration advocacy services, in home support services, conservatorship, Lanterman Act, BOD meeting schedule, and the navigator program. SCLARC was able to resolve all of the concerns that were received in 2017. Those resolution outcomes included, authorizing services that were requested, increase in monthly respite hours, new personal assistants or specialized supervision services, new authorizations for anger management, new authorizations for socialization training, and IPP translations. To continue addressing the concerns SCLARC received a number of SCLARC policies were revised or new policies developed in 2017. These included an increase in monthly respite hours with minimum of 24 hours, respite workers can now be anyone in the consumer's home except the immediate care giver or parent. Additional procedures that were implemented in 2017 were the hiring of two chiefs of case management, changing voice messages to include the name of the supervisor, and increased staff training.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT - Dexter Henderson

Mr. Henderson reported briefly regarding the State budget. Mr. Henderson explained that the governor submits a budget to the legislature and in that budget they propose a variety of new projects and new programs. He reported there were no significant issues in this budget in terms of cuts. In the Governor's Budget Highlights document for the proposed FY 2018-19 for regional centers you see a projected amount of 6.8 billion dollars which amounts about a 7% increase to the prior year. That increase is due to a projection of an increase of the number of people that we are going to serve.

DISPARITY PROJECT AWARDS – Maura Gibney

Ms. Gibney provided the board with a brief summary of FY 18-19 Disparity Projects awards. She reported the following to the board:

Approved Proposals

- SCLARC was awarded \$524,957 to address disparity through continuation funding of two projects:

- Navigator Program - \$453,000
- Early Start Outreach Position - \$71,957

Approved

- Navigator Program Continuation \$453,000
- Early Start Outreach SC Continuation \$71, 957

Total: \$524, 957

Declined

- Early Start Support Team \$169, 800
- SCLARC Project Leadership Program \$ 8, 910
- Regional Center Leadership Academy \$65, 000
- Translation Coordinator \$50, 000
- Person Centered Thinking Training Project \$43, 500
- Disparity Oversight Dashboard \$15, 200
- Develop New Service Providers \$200, 000

Total: \$552, 410

Board President, Veronica Moser advised the Consumer Services Committee to consider writing a letter to DDS regarding the declined project awards. The CSC is to follow-up with Ms. Gibney for information on how to move forward

PUBLIC INPUT:

➤ Maria Lopez –

I have 5 points I would like to address: 1. Unfortunately, I don't understand why the agenda does not include what takes place in this meeting. I don't understand if this is a way to mock us or is it the person that is in charge of writing the agenda is not a capable person to be in charge of it. 2. We all know that Self- Determination is around the corner, we anticipate that in approximately 3 months the first group may go in, and I feel that the training scheduled for Saturday should have taken place a long time ago. 3. Like I said again, the agenda those not include the letters that the community is turning in, in the contrary it has notes stating the community is denying meetings with the regional center, this is unacceptable. 4. We know that cuts are being made to SCLARC, however, I feel that is a minimum cut compared to the many years the community has been asking the regional center to take action in our community. For example, you mentioned that the city of Downey has a lot of needs, this is true but SCLARC has received plenty of disparity funds and still nothing has been done. 5. This point is similar to point number one. A perfect example being that Mr. Lee just mentioned that there is a minimum of 46 hours in respite however, this is nowhere in the agenda. I can give you many examples but in reality I did not come to give you examples. This agenda does not reflect anything concerning the community and its needs.

➤ Silvia Diaz

I come to talk about my son William. He has been a consumer for three years and he has not qualified for any services. I don't know if I am doing something wrong. Either I don't qualify for anything or I have to be placed on a waiting list. I am frustrated, it's been three years and my son has not been able to receive speech therapy, three months here, three months there. I can't find any solution, I am married with one son. I have met several people that only have one son and they don't qualify for any services. I came here because I want to know why, is it because I only have one child that I don't qualify for services? Or maybe my husband makes a lot of money, but my husband has to work, we won't be able to pay rent with minimum wage. I heard that in the City of Orange County a low income is one of \$50k, to be able to survive, everything is super expensive. Me for one child, a speech therapy class is \$110, I can't afford to pay \$400 a month. I would like solutions or maybe I only have one child. I don't know if it's only I or other mothers that are experiencing this same issue.

➤ Martha Ramirez

I have a 20 year old son with severe cerebral palsy and with all types of necessities. I am really sad because he just turned 20 and I've been trying to communicate with his service coordinator. I keep asking her when will be doing the IPP with all the necessities that my son has and I have received no response. This is sad because you talk about everything except the responsibilities of a coordinator with each one of our sons. I come today to demand that these service coordinators listen to us and be aware of each consumer's case and their necessities. Who are we going to ask for help? A nurse came to my house to evaluate my son and said I needed a lot of help with my son. As of now I only receive 24 hours of respite. My son has convulsions throughout the whole night, I have to change his diapers if not he has convulsions, and where is the help? Where are all those millions you receive to help consumers. I don't ask anything for myself but for my son. Are the parents supposed to end up in a mental health institute and who will provide for our children? I am not asking for charity I am asking for a necessity that I need and I hope you can listen.

➤ Maria Verdugo

I want to ask Mr. Henderson to properly train SCLARC staff to give more information to parents as to the correct method for evaluations. I had a hearing on January 18 and the judge asked why my daughter has not received regional center services. I have enough evidence of the diagnosis that my daughter has. This is why I came to the BOD to give you an insight of what is going on with my daughter's case. She was referred since she was born and she is now 12 I don't know what else to do.

➤ Martha Alvarado

I would first like to thank you for coming to this area which is easier for parents to attend the meeting. I wanted to talk about what Ms. Verdugo just mentioned. The service coordinators are not giving us adequate information. They should be trained on how to talk with parents and how to give them information regarding services. I have asked my service coordinator several times for a list of services and apparently she doesn't know what I am talking about. I asked two months ago and I still have had no response. I would also like to request a copy of the Lanterman Act book. A comment in regards to what Mr. Lee said regarding respite and parents just asking for that service. What happens is that parents don't know the services the regional center provides and respite is the most common one. When we ask the service coordinators for more information about other services they provide us with none.

➤ Magali Ochoa

I would like my comment to be recorded in the minutes. I would like to request data for the next meeting. I would like to know how many consumers receive services through the navigator program, how much funds are used to provide services through the navigator program, and the purpose of the navigator program. I would like to ask all parents present how many of them receive services through the navigator program? Do you parents agree with me parents regarding retrieving data about the navigator program. We have an issue here, and I would like the data requested for the next meeting please.

Mr. Henderson spoke briefly regarding space issues and relocating or providing an office in this area. All of 2017 staff has been working to receive approval from DDS to have an office in the southeast area. We have received confirmation from DDS that they will provide additional funding to have an office location. We are estimating that the office will be about 20,000 square feet. In regards to the navigator program we have served 291 families and we will provide more information in the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: President, Veronica Moser adjourned the January 23, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting at 9:00pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next SCLARC Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 27, 2018 at SCLARC, 2500 S. Western Avenue, GSM Auditorium.

Submitted by:

Deanna Corbin
Executive Secretary

Date

Approved by:

Stephanie Arlaud
Board Secretary

Date