



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
Bell Community Center, City of Bell, CA**

**July 23rd, 2019
7:00pm – 9:00pm**

President, Wanda Cathran opened the **July 23rd, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting** with roll call.

Members Present:

Ascary Navarro	Hazel Lozano	Mayra Morales	Stephanie Arlaud
DeShawn Kelly	Jesus Murillo	Raul Munoz	Wanda Cathran
Diana Ugalde	John Wagoner	Sherita Rogers	

Members Absent:

Teyanna Williams
Javier Cortez

Staff Present:

Chris Soto	Dexter Henderson	Kimberly Bernardez	Norma Ortiz
Deanna Corbin	Joseph Velasquez	Kim Bowie	Sarai Cruz
Desiree Boykin	Jesse Rocha	Kyla Lee	Valeria Salceda

Public: (From sign in sheet)

Amanda Arambula	Emma Orozco	Maria Cruz Moreno	Marta Alvarado
Ana Pineda	Herlinda Rodriguez	Maria Dimas	Martha Gosca
Angel Dominguez	Josefina Blancas	Maria Verdugo	Sandra Marchelli
Dora Vazquez	Magali Ochoa	Maricela Donate	Sara Martinez

**Approval of Corrections to BOD Meeting Minutes of
May 26, 2019 Minutes and July 11, 2019 Special Conference Call**

Correction Noted: Remove Irma Nunez from the May 28th, 2019 Members Present.

Corrections Noted: Remove Ramona Gallegos, Kristen Gozawa, Mark Grimes, Chris Williams, and Javier Cortez from the Members present and absent list of the July 11th, 2019 Special conference call meeting.

Board Action:

Raul Munoz moved to approve the May 28th, 2019 and July 11th, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting minutes, with noted corrections. Sherita Rogers seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Executive Committee Report – Wanda Cathran

Wanda Cathran gave an overview of the June 25, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting. The committee met and discussed Board composition as well as the establishment of a Board Advisory Committee, which will be addressed as an action item at the September Board meeting.

Moving forward, there will be Board training at each meeting so the Board is familiar with Board Governance protocols (i.e. Parliamentary procedures, structure of committees, cultural sensitivity and performance evaluation trainings).

Consumer Advisory Committee – Ascary Navarro

Ascary Navarro gave an overview of the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings held May 20th and June 22nd, 2019.

In the month of May, Desiree Boykin discussed the importance of having job skills in order to succeed in the real world.

In the month of June, the committee discussed CPR/First Aid. Mary Cunningham from CPR Fun+ attended the meeting and discussed the importance as well as the steps to using CPR/First Aid.

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 – Wanda Cathran

Wanda Cathran gave an overview of the Consumer Services Committee (CSC) meeting held June 10th, 2019.

The committee discussed the Local Legislative Office Visits with Assembly Members Christina Garcia and Mike Gipson, updates on Person Centered Planning and Self-Determination, the People First Conference and Mental Health Initiatives.

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 – Kyla Lee

Kyla Lee, CFO, gave an overview of the Finance Committee meeting held July 17th, 2019. (Please see Budget Update and Finance Report below)

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

John Wagoner reported on the Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) meeting held on July 10th, 2019 where vendors and the public received special training on transportation. Mr. Wagoner emphasized that the Vendor Advisory Committee is held every second Wednesday of the month and is open to the public.

Agency Directors Reports

Budget Update and Finance Report – Kyla Lee(Attachment)

Kyla Lee presented to the board the financial statements as of June 30th, 2019. Kyla Lee presented the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities and the POS Expenditure Projection (PEP) summary. The following financial highlights were reported to the board:

The Statement of Financial Position as of June 30th, 2019 shows we have \$886,646 in cash compared to the same time last year when the agency had \$1,897,641.

The Statement of Activities Report shows the agency is projecting a balanced budget in operations as of June 30th, 2019. In POS we are projecting expenditures of \$255,393,970. In the same report we project \$368,871 remaining.

The POS Expenditure Projection (PEP) summary indicates our current month projection for our annual estimated Purchase of Service (POS) Expenditures totals \$255,393,970.

The Board has agreed that when Contract, Amendments and other contractual related agreement changes occur and must be immediately approved by the Board, the Executive Committee is empowered to approve those changes and then brought before the full Board at the next meeting.

Community Services – Kim Bowie

Dr. Kim Bowie reported project updates from the 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 Community Placement Plans. The following services are requested for 2019/2020:

1. A day service for consumers who are uncomfortable participating in current programs.
2. Specialized Adult Residential Facility (DC) for males and females transitioning from Porterville.
3. Specialized Adult Residential Facility (Deflection) designed to avoid consumer DC placement.
4. Group Home for children (teens) transitioning from a locked setting or those with behaviors that won't allow them to reside with their family.

Children and Adult Services – Jesse Rocha

Jesse Rocha reported an overview on Service Coordinator Ratios and New Trailer Bill Language.

SCLARC did not meet the caseload ratios for the following three categories:

1. Consumers enrolled in the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver
2. Consumers who are under three years of age
3. All others (consumers not enrolled in the waive, have not moved out of a DC and are over the age of 3)(Attachment)

Although SCLARC has made a significant improvement in reducing caseload ratios over the last four years, additional staff is still required. SCLARC has identified the next steps:

1. Conduct at least one Service Coordinator interview day per month until caseload ratios are met.
2. Continue to monitor consumer growth and reduce staff turnover.
3. Continue to require new staff to participate in year round training i.e. Person Centered Training.

4. Continue to implement the opening of the South Gate Office and identify and secure additional office space in other locations to allow for consumer and staff growth.

(Attachment)

The new Assembly Bill 81; Trailer Bill Language for 2019 states the following:

1. RC Boards not in compliance with composition requirements must submit a plan.
2. RC Board attorneys cannot be Regional Center staff.
3. RC Boards must meet with DDS upon request.
4. RC Boards must annually meet on performance contract and plan based input.

(Attachment)

Executive Office – Valeria Salceda

Valeria Salceda presented on Cal-Fresh and Legislative Priorities.

CalFresh, known federally as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP, provides monthly food benefits to individuals and families with low-income and provides economic benefits to communities. As of June 1st, 2019, SSI/SSP recipients are eligible to apply for CalFresh as is every other state. In California, the SSI payment is augmented by a **State Supplementary Payment, or 'SSP,'** which brings the **maximum monthly benefit** for an individual living alone to **\$910.74**, an amount that forces many low-income seniors and people with disabilities to live in poverty. This is estimated to make some 500,000 SSI recipients eligible for CalFresh.

Legislative proprieties continue to focus on the restoration of suspended social recreational services, continued financial support for the RC system (particularly for vendors and regional centers to fulfill staffing and operational needs), advocating for fair and equitable housing for individuals with IDD, as well as advocating for competitive, integrated employment for all regional center consumers. As of the last fiscal year we participated in grassroots day in which we met with staff and legislators for 9 of those representing SCLARC's catchment area and had follow up meetings with the offices of Assembly members, Mike Gipson, Cristina Garcia, and Reginal Jones-Sawyer and Senator Burke.

Executive Director's Report – Dexter Henderson

Dexter Henderson presented on the following Key Board Member Responsibilities:

1. Establishing the Organization's Mission and Purpose
2. Recruiting New Board Members
3. Executive Director – Selecting, Supporting and Reviewing
4. Serve on Committees
5. Organizational Planning
6. Monitoring and Managing Financial Resources
7. Spread the word about the organization

(Attachment)

Public Input

- ★ Dora Vazquez asks, on behalf of multiple parents who are unable to attend Board meetings due to lack of child care, for SCLARC to assist them in identifying a way to attend.
- ★ Magali Ochoa asks that SCLARC take urgent action in providing child care for important meetings as well as trainings in order for parents to be able to attend and get the important information SCLARC is providing. Ms. Ochoa asks that this topic be placed in the upcoming agenda.

Adjournment:

President, Wanda Cathran adjourned the July 23rd, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting at 9:00pm.

Next Meeting:

The next SCLARC Board of Directors meeting will be held September 24th, 2019 at South Central Los Angeles Regional Center.

Submitted by:

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Deanna Corbin	Date
Executive Assistant	

Approved by:

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Ascary Navarro	Date
Board Secretary	