

APPROVED



**SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JANUARY 24, 2012**

**I. MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bill West  
Ana DaSilva  
Guadalupe Barrera

Karen Washington  
Alan McDowell  
John Harris

Anissa McNeil  
Veronica Moser  
Manami Go

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Angela Hunt-James  
Joycelyn Baber-Gant

Renett Clough

Lisa Sanchez

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Reuben Lee  
Deanna Corbin

Roy Doronila  
Phyllis McClean

Dexter Henderson

**PUBLIC:**

Eugene Washington

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The January 24th, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Board President, Bill West at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:**

**BOARD ACTION:**

Approve SCLARC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of **November 22, 2011** as presented.  
(M/S/C) M. Go/ K. Washington / Unanimous)

**BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Bill West**

Bill West introduced the newest members of the SCLARC Board of Directors. John Harris, was elected as the Chair of the Vendor Advisory Committee and Alan McDowell was appointed to replace Desiree' Boykin as the Chair of the Consumer Advisory Committee.

Mr. Henderson read John Harris and Alan McDowell's biographies to the board. Mr. Henderson explained that Alan McDowell was appointed to sit on the Board of Directors since he is the new President of the Consumer Advisory Committee and Desiree' Boykin term ended.

Desiree Boykin, thanked the board for the opportunity to serve on SCLARC's board and to chair the Consumer Advisory Committee. After years of being the Chair of the CAC, Ms. Boykin accepted a position with SCLARC as a Consumer Advocate. Ms. Boykin accepted her new position at South Central Los Angeles Regional Center as Consumer Advocate on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Approve & Ratify the appointments of VAC Chair, John Harris and CAC Chair, Alan McDowell to the SCLARC Board of Directors.  
(M/S/C) K. Washington /Anissa McNeil / Unanimous)

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

President, Bill West moved the order of the meeting to allow public input from some of SCLARC's parents who were invited by Alfredo Kertzman, a SCLARC vendor of Behavioral Management Parent Trainings to the board meeting.

Alfredo Kertzman, introduced himself as a SCLARC vendor of Behavioral Management Services since 1997. He teaches two parent trainings in two different locations, one at SCLARC's main office and the other at the Elizabeth Learning Center in Cudahy. The Cudahy location has an extended waiting list of a year which Mr. Kertzman is seeking to add an additional class or hours that will allow him to accommodate some of the parents that have been on this waiting list.

President, Bill West invited several of the visiting parents to voice their concerns and frustrations however, because we were not prepared for the visit, we had no translator present. Board member Ana DaSilva translated for the parents.

The parents all expressed their gratitude to Mr. Kertzman for his services and the advocacy he does on their behalf for their children. They all voiced frustration for the need for additional trainings. Most have attended the training but feel the need for additional trainings or retraining more specific to the growth and changing developments in their children. Some parents said they were never offered behavioral management by the regional center nor did they know it was available to them. One parent said she spoke for many on the list who said they learned of the service from other parents who previously attended

The Board requested to have a copy of the waiting list from Kertzman and asked by show of hands, how many parents had previously and or is currently attending Kertzman's behavioral management trainings. Fourteen of the Seventeen parents in attendance previously attended the training at least once. There was a count of 3 families who had never received behavioral management training.

Dr. Anissa McNeil raised the question of communication. Is there a lack of communication between the vendor and the regional center or the regional center to the service coordinator regarding these vacancies? Also, if 90% of the families have received ABA services from the provider present and need more training. We need to review the efficiency of the program for our clients.

Mr. Henderson stated there was an issue raised at the last board meeting regarding communication between service coordinators and parents. We also discussed possible retraining of service coordinator's. These areas are part of our deliberations regarding future trainings. Mr. Henderson also stated that according to SCLARC staff, SCLARC did not have a waiting list and we were not aware of a need until Kertzman informed us in the November 2011 board meeting. Mr. Henderson presented a current schedule of SCLARC's parent training classes. One listed (6) vacancies. Mr. Henderson acknowledged that perhaps some of the parent's difficulties stem from geographic challenges however we currently do not have sufficient information to support modifying this program at this time. We want to look at the differences in trainings and the length of time of these types of trainings. These are the same issues brought up in November and we are currently reviewing and updating our entire approach to parent training. There is no desire to withhold training from any parent. When the parent is informed, trained, and better educated in the behaviors of their children it is better for everyone. Mr. Henderson acknowledged a grave misunderstanding on the part of the parents who believe they are fighting for a service they really have no need to fight for. He assured the board that SCLARC is in the process of reviewing and updating our entire approach to parent training.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT: Roy Doronila**

### **Sufficiency of Allocation Report (SOAR)**

Roy Doronila reported the latest SOAR balances for FY 11-12. Our latest SOAR indicates total POS projected expenditures of \$116,033,899. This exceeds our current allocation by \$5,649,146. Additional allocation is expected later in the fiscal year to cover the shortfall.

### **Statement of Revenue and Expenditure Report**

Roy Doronila reported the latest balances in OPS and POS for FY 11-12. Our latest estimates indicate adequate funds in OPS and an estimated shortfall of \$ 5,649,146 in POS. We have not received our full allocation this fiscal year, which is typical at this time of the year.

The real bad news is that in this fiscal year the system sustained an additional \$110M cut which will roll into the next fiscal year as a \$200M reduction. The good news is in FY 12-13 budget year (next year) the budget is supposed to increase \$400M to cover growth and it also includes a \$200M elimination (as a result of the proposed elimination of the previous year's 4.25% vendor/ regional center deallocation) which could result in a net increase of \$200M to the regional center budget.

There will have a series of stakeholders meetings across the state to get suggestions and ideas on how to deal with this reduction. Overall, the Governor's proposed budget does not impact regional centers as feared.

### **CONSUMER SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS- Reuben Lee**

On October 17-21, 2011 The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the Department of Health Care Services (DHS) conducted their annual compliance audit.

#### **The DDS and DHS Audit:**

A total of 37 consumer records were reviewed. The first category was different arrangements in community facilities. The auditors reviewed 14 consumers living in a community facility, 16 consumers who live with their parents, and 7 consumers whom live independently. Of the 37 sample consumer records, 29 were reviewed for documentation standards for federal and state regulations. The sample records were 99% overall compliance for this review. The sample records were 100% compliance in 22 criteria, 97% in 2 criteria, 82% in 1 and 97% and 95% in two others. Six CCF's were looked at and of those 6, the auditors visited two. There were 19 documentation requirements that were Title 17 codes and we were 100% in compliance. They also looked at 13 day programs, 17 documentation requirements were reviewed and we were 99% in compliance. Consumer observations and interviews of 30 sample consumers were conducted. 6 Coordinators were interviewed, as well as the risk management team. Overall we did an excellent job.

Medi-caid Waiver – SCLARC's target enrollment for FY 2011-12 is 4,597 and as of January 24, we have 4,521 consumers who are currently on waiver. An executive summary is forth coming.

**CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Alan McDowell**

Alan reported that the Consumer Advisory Committee met with VAC chair, John Harris to discuss the budget, legislation and politicians who can help us to be better advocates to reflect our concerns about the budget. CAC now has a Facebook page. Thursday, January 26, we will have a conference call to talk about self-determination. The CAC continued to have on-going talks to update and modify the PowerPoint presentation on relationships, which is now seeking final approval from Eastbay and South Central regional center directors. The CAC continues the mentorship program with the disabled and supports clients who want to attend college & assist them with math, reading, etc.

Desiree Boykin added that ARCA has a Consumer Advisory Committee where different members from the local CAC go to Sacramento to talk about what they are doing in their CAC. In the next several months, the official word consumer is going to change to client. The state council votes on statewide peer advocacy groups at the local level, comprised of ARCA, Disability Rights, People First and the CAC Network. Members who want to be considered for the above will have to get permission from their regional center executive director. SCODD will facilitate travel and hotel accommodations for clients. Stakeholders examples will be, parents, SC's, consumers and vendors who all have a strong hope to make sure the regional center will provide the best service possible. DDS will facilitate stakeholders meetings to address the impact of the budget cuts and how we can continue to thrive.

AB-254 was introduced by a parent where the legislature will provide employment for the consumer. AB-178 by Assemblyman Beal is the follow up to the AB-254 to ensure that the workload won't be too heavy for the Service Coordinators to carry out. SB-382- Senator from the Human Services committee of state audits wants to improve the DDS system. ARCA feels the language is too overwhelming for the regional centers. The next ARCA CAC Meeting with the regional centers directors will take place Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT- John Harris**

No Report Given.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS- Marsha Mitchell**

No Report Given.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Dexter Henderson**

Mr. Henderson began his report by referring the board to a memo from ARCA regarding the stakeholder's process. There will be six meetings that will take place throughout the state, in the following cities, Sacramento, Oakland, Fresno, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego. ARCA anticipates 40-50 people to participate at each one of these meetings. Each group invited will have three representatives. What this means is, there will be 3 representatives to represent 21 regional centers. They will be speaking to 4 issues which they have identified as 1) Strategies for Admission to the Developmental Centers. 2) How to achieve Some Effectiveness Through Technology. 3) Reducing the Impact of the Trailer Bill Language. 4) The 4.25 % Payment Reduction. Should We Continue? I believe it is a savings of 157M if the 4.25 is continued in the budget however, the Governor has already indicated he is not going to restore that cut in his budget. Therefore that becomes a 157M increase to vendors and regional centers. And the question is, should the 4.25% be maintained in the way the Governor proposed.

John Harris posed a question from the floor. How does DDS go about challenging the governor's proposed budget?

Dexter Henderson responded, firstly, DDS has some legislative leeway and authority to reduce expenditures. Any recommendations that exceed their authority would be recommended through the departments of Health & Welfare & Finance to the Governor's office.

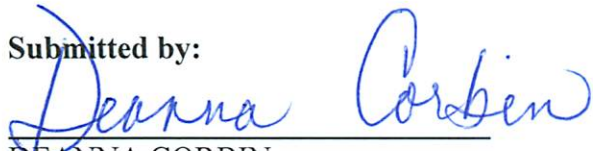
John Harris continued, who are the stakeholders? It seems they are given an inadequate amount of time to prepare a position and you don't have enough people there to really present a case. It appears that the conclusion is already determined by DDS before the stakeholder meeting. What really concerns me is they have already put the 4.25 back on the table. Our elected officials need to know how badly we need the 4.25% restored. I have asked Mr. Henderson to help me in that regard in terms of giving us some documented data we can present to our legislators on how the cut has affected us and how we can return to some vitality with the money. However, we need to put some documented data on paper so people can actually start talking about it. I also want to take some of our clients which I have talked about with the CAC to some of these meetings and have them take the paper and make the presentation because it's not just about the vendor but the purchase of service as well. We need to begin early educating the people who are going to be voting for us.

**GOOD of the ORDER:**

Mr. West adjourned the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Board of Directors meeting at 8:30pm.

Mr. West opened the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Executive Session at 8:40pm.

**Submitted by:**



DEANNA CORBIN  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



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**Approved by:**



ANA DASILVA  
BOARD SECRETARY



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