

APPROVED



**SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FOR
JULY 24, 2012**

I. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lisa Sanchez	Karen Washington	Guadalupe Barrera	Claudia Hernandez
Ana DaSilva	Alan McDowell	Manami Go	Joycelyn Baber-Gant
John Harris	Renett Clough	Sandra Casado	Veronica Moser

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill West Anissa McNeil

STAFF PRESENT:

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

STAFF ABSENT:

PUBLIC:

20 Parents

CALL TO ORDER:

The July 24, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by SCLARC's Board Vice President, Lisa Sanchez at 7:00 p.m.

I. Approval of May 22, 2012 Board of Directors Minutes

BOARD ACTION-

To approve SCLARC Board of Directors Minutes of May 22, 2012 as presented.
(M/S/C) A. DaSilva/ J. Harris / Unanimous

Dexter Henderson noted an error in the May 22, board minutes at the bottom of page 5. He requested that Friends of SCLARC be removed from the heading of Marian Figueroa's report.
(M/S/C) J. Harris / K. Washington/ Unanimous

II. PUBLIC INPUT- (Translator–Rebecca Guzman)

Vice President Lisa Sanchez moved public input to the start of the meeting to allow the parents in attendance to speak to the board.

Twenty parents attended the SCLARC's Board of Directors meeting to express their concerns regarding the possible discontinuance of Alfredo Kertzman's behavioral modification trainings. Several parents expressed their admiration and gratitude for Kertzman and the services he provides to their children and families. Their concern is the loss of the trainings, in their communities of Bel Garden, Cudahy, and Downey, which are providing them with techniques to handle their children and how to advocate for them.

One parent spoke for the group, expressing that Mr. Kertzman knows our children, he speaks our language, he advocates for our children and he is passionate about what he does and we need his continued support. We would like you to provide your decision to us.

Reuben Lee, Director of Consumer and Family Supports gave the board a brief overview of the circumstances that led the regional center to conduct, review and validate the training curriculum for the parent brought including SCLARC's efforts to correct this issue since November of 2011.. SCLARC sent out an RFP in March, 2012 seeking additional Behavioral Modification Training vendors. The RFP was posted to the SCLARC's website. We received several RFP's and made our selection. Alfredo Kertzman was not selected.

Reuben Lee, then advised the parents of the current vendors in their area that provide behavioral modification training. Handouts of these resources were given to each parent.

Vice President, Lisa Sanchez did commit to the group of parents that a decision would be made and they would be notified of that decision.

III. BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT:

ARCA UPDATE – Roy Doronila attended the meeting on behalf of Dexter Henderson and Bill West.

Roy began his report by naming the newly elected ARCA Board Officials of 2013.

Teresa Avary – President
Fernando Gomez- Vice President
Gloria Wong –Secretary
George Stevens- Treasurer
Phil Bonnet- Parlimentarian

The state budget passed along with 21 Trailer Bills. Autism Insurance, SB946 was one of the 21 Trailer Bills that was passed. This particular legislation requires insurance companies to pay for autism services. This is one of the revenue sources to fund the 200 million cutback of this years budget.

The New Day Conference is here. ARCA is hosting the conference in Pasadena, September 17-19, 2012. SCLARC will be sending staff to attend.

The Department of Developmental Services gave a budget update. The state didn't talk about the current year however, for FY 9-10 we had a surplus of \$13.8 million which was allocated and returned to the general fund. [FY 10-11 we had a deficiency and 5.6 million remains unallocated which give us a surplus as well for 2011]. FY11-12 however, was a different story. Some regional centers are reporting higher expenditures, some are reporting lower. The one originally reporting lower expenditures are now reporting higher and projecting a deficit of 1.4 billion.

The waiver renewel is expected to take place at the end of March 2013. DDS is responsible for renewing the waiver. There is a new Initiative 9-15I or SPA, which is another revenue source for our program that has to do with FMS, Fiscal Management Services, which is for some of the vouchered services we are currently providing that will no longer exist. We will have to use a fiscal manager so the state can bill for the services to the federal government.

III. Board Membership – Dexter Henderson

At our past May 22, board meeting a recommendation for the removal of a board member and it was suggested that rather than have her removed we speak to her and ask for her resignation. SCLARC contacted board member Angela James-Hunt and we enclosed in your board paeckets her letter of resignation officially removing Angela James-Hunt from SCLARC's board of Directors. Her removal was reflected in our current board statistic. We now have 14 members including our two newest board members who were elected to the board in May.

BOARD ACTION- To accept the Resignation of SCLARC Board Member Angela James-Hunt.
(M/S/C) J. Harris / V. Moser/ Unanimous

There are currently three vacancies on the board. In your packets we have included a board application. Members were encourage to give these applications to individuals that may be interested in participating on our board. Members were reminded that our Spanish and consumer representation is down.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & BUDGET UPDATE - Roy Doronila

(Reporting for Month of May 2012)

Roy Doronila reported that the total estimated expenditure projection is \$117,864,303 in Purchase of Service (POS). This reflects an increase of \$425,000 from the month. The report indicates that we recently received the C6 or the, 6th allocation for FY 11-12. We are currently projecting a deficit in POS in the amount of \$1,401,318. We expect that DDS will fund this deficiency as we close the fiscal year.

Roy Doronila reported that our operations budget is balanced and expect to spend all remaining dollars as we close the fiscal year.

Roy Doronila reported that the agency has adequate cash to meet our monthly obligations for both Opertions and POS.

Roy Doronila also gave an update on the budget situation for FY 12-13. It was reported that we expect a better budget this coming fiscal year due to the reduction of operations and vendor rate reductions from 4.25% to 1.25% . This reduction is essentially an effective increase of 3% to both Operations and POS.

Contracts Exceeding 250K

Roy presented to the board the Annual SCLARC Contracts Exceeding 250K. List attached.

BOARD ACTION-

To approve SCLARC Contract Exceeding 250K as presented.

(M/S/C) J. Harris / V. Moser/ Unanimous

CONSUMER SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS- Reuben Lee

Reuben Lee reiterated a summary of the June 2012 trailer bill language affecting regional centers released by DDS July 10th. The purpose of the correspondence was to transmit the recently

enacted Trailer Bill, AB 1472 (chapter 25, Statutes of 2012) that directly affects regional centers or the developmental services system. Reuben Lee included clarifying information regarding implementation of the following:

Institutes for Mental Disease
Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers
Out of State Residential Resources
Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Needs
Developmental Centers and,
Community Placement Plan

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Alan McDowell

Alan McDowell, President of the Consumer Advisory Committee updated the board on the June 25th 2012 CAC meeting. Alan report that on June 8th he, Dominique Young and other SCLARC consumers joined him at a Planning Commission hearing at City Hall to support the development of SCLARC's new office building. I was a good hearing and I think it went well.

Several members of the CAC attended the People First and Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference in Bakersfield and Sacramento. An overview of the various workshops was provided. The workshop topics included:

- Getting More Out of Your Spare Time
- How to Start You Own Business
- Advocacy and Knowing Your Rights

All that attended indicated that they enjoyed the experience and the information given was well received. Alan also reported that the VAC indicated that the DVD of the CAC consumers addressing budget issues has been completed and was shown to the legislators during the Grass Roots Day in Sacramento. SCLARC has a copy of the DVD and all CAC members are able to view the DVD.

The CAC continues to practice utilizing the "Relationship" powerpoint presentation. Ideal Day Program agreed to be the first program to "test" the training with consumers.

VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT- John Harris

John Harris reported on the upcoming Vendor Directory for 2013, the VAC is considering continuing the Vendor Directory from 2011-12 an adding new vendors. However, we have run into some opposition regarding reprinting. No decision has been made as of yet.

The Vendor Fair will be held this year at the Los Angeles Convention Center, October 18th, 2012. Vendors who would like to participate can complete and submit a registration form with the requested fee of \$250.00 which is the sam cost from prior year. All registered vendors can submit their registration form and payment to Nuria Castellon at SCLARC by the September deadline.

The 2nd Annual Consumer Honors Breakfast will take place, November 29th, 2012 at the Radisson Hotel at USC from 10am -12pm. The Vendor Advisory Committee will have it's final meeting of the year here at SCLARC, Wednesday, November 14th, 2012 at 10:00am primarily to discuss our Annual Consumers Honors Breakfast. The purpose of the breakfast is to recognize consumers who should be recognized for their hard work or those who have made significant strides in overcoming a challenge. We are working on the form for instructions on making nominations. There will be additional details discussed in this meeting.

John explained the process of nominating a recipient. If you know a consumer who should be recognized for their hard work? Or one who has made significant strides in overcoming a challenge? If so, you are asked to please nominate them to be recognized at the Consumer Honors Breakfast. To participate, submit a paragraph with no more than 300 words on your company letter head including a contact name and telephone number. Let us know why your Consumer deserves to be recognized (submit consumer's first name only).

There will be three finalist to receive awards. You must pre-register and pay to attend.

Email your nomination/s to NuriaC@sclarc.org by November 9, 2012. Please make your check payable to SCLARC-VAC before 11/16/12 attn: Nuria Castellon 650 W. Adams, Blvd. Los Angeles Ca. 90007. You can also contact me, John Harris, VAC Chair at (213)489-5367 or Mrs. Lara Okunubi, VAC Treasurer at (310)701-8704.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS- Marsha Mitchell

Marsha Mitchell shared the "We Care" Outreach efforts have been very effective in:

- 1) Informing the public that early infant intervention services are still available to our communities so that children who are at-risk are in fact served, and
- 2) Combating misinformation within our service area

First steps included creating a Cross-Agency Outreach Committee with Marsha Mitchell-Bray serving as Chair. The committee included the following position in the agency Autism Coordinator, Education & Outreach Specialist, FRC Specialist, Community Relations Specialist, Intake Manager, Early Start Program Manager and Outreach Consultant

This group works together to create a uniform Outreach presentation that will be given to parent groups and community partners as well as shared at informational fairs and other agencies that serve our consumers. Additionally, by issuing press releases, public service announcements and media advisories to community newspapers and radio/television outlets, SCLARC will reinforce messages being delivered by staff to the community. These efforts will be enhanced by a small advertising campaign. The Regional Center will place 1/4 page ads over an extended time period in the following community newspapers:

1. La Opinion
2. Hoy
3. Los Angeles Sentinel
4. Wave

5. L.A. Watts-Times
6. California Crusader News
7. The Downey Eagle
8. The Paramount Journal
9. Compton Bulletin

These ads will be made into:

- English/Spanish flyers to be distributed to WIC offices and churches throughout SCLARC's service area
- cardboard stand-ups to be distributed to libraries collaborating agencies, and doctor's offices and
- posters will be sent to NICUs and hospitals within SCLARC's catchment.

SCLARC committee members have attended at least two functions a month that focus on outreach, cross training and/or information dissemination. This includes parent groups, interagency meetings, and health fairs.

Most recently, the committee chair, Marsha Mitchell, working with a consultant Katrina Fountain have developed SCLARC's first information kiosk. In an effort to raise awareness, South Central Los Angeles Regional Center will implement the next phase of its community information campaign—a new computer kiosk to showcase services at the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza in October.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT- Dexter Henderson

Mr. Henderson began by reminding the board that SCLARC's Annual Board Elections generally take place at our July board meeting however the election for this year will be held at our September 22-23 Board Retreat. Nomination slates were presented in the July board packets. Mr. Henderson instructed the members to use the slate to list their nominees and to forward to Deanna Corbin prior to the September board meeting. He explained the timeline based on bylaws of SCLARC.

Mr. Henderson then turned the boards attention to the enclosed revised Board Composition Survey that was sent to Brian Winfield at DDS in June in response to a letter he sent regarding some specific demographics such as, legal representation on the board, geographic representation for each board member and ethnic characteristics of the community SCLARC serves. According to DDS our board must meet specific criteria to meet board standards. Mr. Henderson pointed out the areas where the board was lacking and where were had met certain criteria. We responded to DDS' inquiries with the following:

WIC Section 4622 (b) Skills/ Expertise: No Legal Representation:

John Harris, Esq. (Attorney/ VAC Chair, appointed to the board January 24th, 2012.

WIC Section 4622 (d) Geographic & Ethnic Representation:

The Geographic Representation has been provided for each member. (Please see the updated 2011 Board Composition Survey)

SCLARC’s Board Composition now reflects the ethnic characteristics of the community SCLARC serves. The Hispanic representation is low however, the board is committed to increase that number by filling the three available spots on the board with persons who are Hispanic.

DDS also inquired about the number of members needed to have a full board. 17 members would constitute a full board per SCLARC restated bylaws. At this time we have more than 12 and less than 17 which is in keeping with the by-laws.

RC	Race	Population (2010 Census)	Percent (2010 Census)	Board Members	Percent
SCLARC Catchment Area Population: 1,420,202	White	52,203	3.7%	1	7%
	Hispanic or Latino	1,042,612	73.4%	4	29%
	Black/ African American	283,077	19.9%	8	57%
	American Indian/ Alaskan Native	2,475	2%	-	
	Asian	26,542	1.9%	1	7%
	Pacific Islander	2,270	.2%	-	
	Other	11,023	.7%	-	

= 100%

He encouraged the board to continue recruitment of new members and to particularly consider the Latino community. Nomination applications were provided.

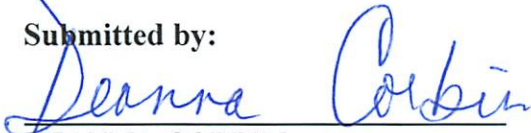
Mr. Henderson spoke briefly about the upcoming Board Meeting/ Retreat taking place September 22-23, 2012 in Huntington Beach. He reminded the board that the 2013 elections would take place at that time. Mr. Henderson expressed his hope that all of his board members would attend.

Mr. Henderson indicated that the Conflict of Interest form was currently being revised by our attorney, Mike Monk and although they were due to DDS in August. However our revised Conflict of Interest Statements will be available at the September board meeting and that it would be on the September agenda. At that time he would explain the purpose of the conflict of interest statement in detail and answer any questions from the board at that time.

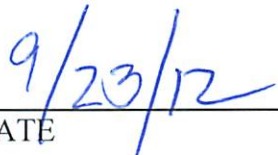
GOOD of the ORDER:

Lis Sanchez adjourned the July 24, 2012 Board of Directors meeting at 9:00pm.

Submitted by:



DEANNA CORBIN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY




DATE

Approved by:



ANA DASILVA
BOARD SECRETARY



DATE