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**SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FOR
MAY 22, 2012**

I. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lisa Sanchez
Ana DaSilva
John Harris

Karen Washington
Alan McDowell

Anissa McNeil
Manami Go

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Angela Hunt-James
Veronica Moser

Renett Clough
Joycelyn Baber-Gant

Bill West
Guadalupe Barrera

STAFF PRESENT:

Reuben Lee
Dexter Henderson
Maria Figueroa

Roy Doronila
Phyllis McClean

Deanna Corbin
Marsha Mitchell

STAFF ABSENT:

PUBLIC:

Kimberly Theard
Eugene Washington

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 22, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by SCLARC's Board Vice President, Lisa Sanchez at 7:00 p.m.

**I. Revised JANUARY 24, 2012 Board of Directors Minutes and
MARCH 27, 2012 Board of Directors Minutes**

BOARD ACTION-

To ratify the Revised SCLARC Board of Directors Minutes of **January 24, 2012**.
(M/S/C) (A. McNeil/ M. Go/ Unanimous)

To approve the SCLARC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of **March 27, 2012** as presented.
(M/S/C) (M. Go/ K. Washington / Unanimous)

II. BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT:

ARCA UPDATE – NO ARCA Meeting April & May 2012.

The ARCA meeting was reported in our last board meeting (Minutes of March 27, 2012). ARCA's position regarding the May budget revision for developmental services was included in the board packets. Mr. Doronila discussed. Please see ARCA Position Statement.

III. Board Membership:

Because of excessive absences of Angela James-Hunt it was recommended that Ms. James be removed as a member of the Board of Directors. After discussion the board agreed to delay any action until Ms. James was given an opportunity to resign.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Budget UpDate by Roy Doronila,

Financials

Roy Doronila reported that the total estimated expenditure projection is \$116,636,656 in Purchase of Service (POS). This reflects an increase of \$167,000 for the month. The report indicates that we recently received the C-5's, our 5th allocation for FY 11-12. This additional allocation funded our projected deficit from the last report to the Board. We are now projecting a surplus in POS of \$70, 000 but are cautious since we still have a couple of months left in the fiscal year. The C-5 allocation also included an allocation for our downsizing project in the amount of \$782,500. Currently we are projecting a balanced budget.

Mr. Doronila reported adequate cash to meet our monthly obligations. SCLARC expects to receive \$8.5 million in claim reimbursements. Total receivables total \$26 million.

Audit Report

We received the final audit report for the FYs 08-09 and 09/10. SCLARC has 30 days to dispute if we don't agree with the final disposition of the findings. Our primary contention is the finding that relates to the in-kind agreement with Friends of SCLARC and Friends Housing. SCLARC is disputing DDS' disposition of this finding and will report back at the next meeting. The audit for FY 10-11 will start in June and is expected to be completed within the same month.

Budget Update

Roy Doronila reported on the proposed budget for FY 12-13 and updated information for FY 11-12. A \$200 million cut for the FY 12-13 is proposed and expected to be approved. The DDS convened various stakeholders meetings across the state to come with recommendations on how to implement the \$200 million reduction. There is also a possibility of another \$50 million trigger reduction on top of the \$200 million if the tax initiative does not pass in November.

The highlights of the proposed FY 12-13 budget reduces the prior years unallocated reduction of 4.25%. In the current year the new unallocated reduction for both vendors and regional center is 1.25% which amounts to a 3% net increase. The budget assumes full implementation of SB 946 which requires health care insurers to cover behavioral health treatment for clients with autism. The budget also proposes additional funding for caseload growth and higher POS utilization.

In FY 11-12, the budget allocations for both Operations and POS were increased by \$3.7 million and \$43.8 million respectively. DDS is projecting adequate funds in Operations and POS.

Matrix Update

We approved funding for the Matrix Contract last month in our May board meeting. Since then, four small caseloads and one large caseload were imaged. Total payments to date is \$7,500. There were file transfer issues, but controls are now in place to track the documents. For example, two clients were not scanned. An audit of the first 20 cases tracked what we provided and what was returned. A batching tracking method is in place where we would provide a list of a client's names and UCI numbers. They will scan and then balance the numbers. Prior to delivery all documents are tracked. The second level of control is a report listing the UCI numbers and the number of copies that will accompany the delivered hard drive. The SC will review each charts before we destroy the charts. . There is also a staff to help account for everything. Roy stated he would continue to report to the board regarding the scanning project.

CONSUMER SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS- Reuben Lee

Reuben Lee gave an update of the Behavioral Management Training for Parents and Caregivers in a Group Setting. SCLARC issued an RFP for Behavioral Management Training for parents and caregivers in a group setting March, 2012. The purpose of the RFP was to develop and organize subsequent training in the areas of South Los Angeles, Downey, Compton, Carson and Huntington Park for English and Spanish speaking at different locations. The letters were mailed out April 13th 2012. The RFP was then placed on SCLARC's website. We received a total of nine letters of interest (LOI's), which were distributed to the selection committee. The committee will meet May 29th and June 1st and letters of confirmation will be sent out on the 15th of June. The training sessions will go for 10-12 sessions. This is part of the cost savings that all Regional Centers were to provide.

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Alan McDowell

Alan McDowell provided an overview of his and Desiree Boykin's visit to Sacramento for Grassroots Day April 18th. They met with legislators to ask for their support in maintaining the budget for regional centers. The CAC also provided an overview of CAC activities for the new members Trevone and Tonia. This included the status of the mentor program. Ms. Boykin continues to mentor consumers interested in attending college. Currently she is mentoring 2 consumers who will be attending Cerritos College and Santa Monica College. Alan continues to mentor clients in math and reading at Ideal Day Program. Diana Ugalde has started developing her second draft of her curriculum regarding "Over Protective Parents".

The CAC discussed how to train consumers using the "Relationship" PowerPoint developed by the SCLARC CAC and RCEB. Herb of RCEB has already started training consumers by going to day programs. It was decided that the initial trainings would occur at SCLARC. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

CAC member Andrew provided an overview of his trip to Sacramento with his union. They addressed the state budget including the lack of funding for child care. He also announced that this was his last meeting with SCLARC since he recently moved to another regional center area. We will miss him! The CAC signed a farewell card and had a cake in his honor!

Prospective new CAC members Cristina and Charles were introduced to the group. The group discussed how we can continue to collaborate with the VAC and other CAC groups re: supporting the budget. CAC member Trevone pointed out that air pollution should be a concern. Air pollution impacts individuals with respiratory problems including asthma. Trevone also indicated that a significant number of people with disabilities may have asthma. It was suggested that the CAC identify a speaker to address this issue. Alan McDowell stressed the need to ensure that Sacramento and others address the needs of persons with all types of disabilities.

Diana Ugalde announced that she wanted to share the "Relationship" PowerPoint with the USC Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, which she is a member of. The PowerPoint will be e-mailed to her.

Cristina's comment regarding enjoying going to the movies prompted a discussion about learning how to coordinate social activities. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT- John Harris

The VAC meeting focused on our visit to the Capital for Grass Roots Day. We met with 10 legislators and received positive responses. We shared a very impactful video that received a warm response from electives. We want to put a face to these government cuts that is basically heard by all. Over all we received a positive report and we will start visiting the public. We will have the same message as we work both sides. John also complemented Desiree Boykin and Allan McDowell on how well they spoke on the issues affecting our consumers.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS- Marsha Mitchell

Marsha Mitchell reported that SCLARC was implementing its Outreach Program via community media. She included a detailed packet listing the newspapers, ad schedules for the campaign. The first ad in the series focused on autism, the second was a general ad entitled "Five Reasons You Should Know About Regional Center." Both ads were produced in English and Spanish. The Autism ad tag line states "If we don't talk about it and we don't hear about, how will we ever learn to recognize it." This particular ad was in one of the legislator's office lobby in Sacramento during Grass Roots Day.

Dr. McNeil asked a question from the floor. "Are there ads that focus on the full spectrum of disorders?" Ms. Mitchell communicated that SCLARC will focus on epilepsy next. The ad run will focus on the regional center and awareness. Since regional centers have been under fire, specifically this center, regarding autism and POS disparities, Ms. Mitchell said that SCLARC wanted to make sure these two ads continue to be in the forefront. But there will be an ad for every developmental disability that we address.

Maria Figueroa

Grass Roots Day- Maria Figueroa mentioned it was the first time in six years SCLARC sent staff to the capital to represent our 10,500 consumers, 1,000 providers and 250 SCLARC staff members. Our message was no more cuts. We have sustained enough and they were proposing another \$200 million in cuts. SCLARC also supported the sunseting of the 4.25 reduction. SCLARC discussed the lack adequate and affordable housing in our community for our families and consumers.

Alan McDowell, part of SCLARC's delegation, had the ear of Assembly Member Holly Mitchell and Senator Rod Wright. He spoke about the fact that our consumers live on \$834 per month and can't afford health insurance. SCLARC met with all 10 of the state legislators (or their staff members) representing our catchment including Assembly Member Holly Mitchell, Assembly

Member Steven Bradford, Assembly Member John Perez, and Assembly Member Isadore Hall III. We were able to get our point across which was important. Everyone was receptive and welcoming. Holly Mitchell allowed us to have as much time as we wanted and that set the tone for the day. Marsha stated all regional centers showed up in full force. She reminded the group about the importance of advocacy at the capital and in their districts. That's why it is so important to be present at the Town Hall meetings.

Friends of SCLARC

Marian Thompson, Friends of SCLARC's new Program Manager was introduced to the SCLARC board. Ms. Thompson will be working on the golf tournament and looking into funding opportunities for SCLARC's consumers. Mariam accepted acknowledgment and stated she was in her fourth week with FOS and in that time she has also assisted with property management of the properties that Friends purchased for SCLARC's CPP Lanterman Project.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT- Dexter Henderson

Mr. Henderson began with the topic of the POS Disparity Hearings that took place three weeks prior. The concern expressed for this topic warrants a significant amount of time be devoted to the disparity issue at the next board meeting. More information needs to be presented and the reasons why we are in this predicament should be discussed further. The Disparity Hearings are a result of the L.A. Times articles regarding Autism and the disparity of services. Mr. Henderson stated there are a number of reasons for the disparity in services including language, cultural and education. Many of our parents don't understand our system, and it's not their fault, they are inundated with so much information they can't navigate through the system as readily as other more middle class parents. There are also other important issues impacting the disparity such as housing and economics. These issues can also prevent some parents from accessing services even if they are authorized. A more comprehensive system of outreach is being provided to access our services and better inform the public through advertisements. Mr. Henderson closed by stating the issue is much more complex and involved than the L.A. Times has led all to believe.

Dr. McNeil mentioned she would like to discuss models that can be made to make access easier. She proposed we have a discussion regarding areas that are not challenged with issues like citizenship, and that we look at various systems that staff can bring back to us, such as after-school programs. SCLARC has worked to lessen the gap by implementing a variety of outreach, parent information, support and activities. A more comprehensive system of outreach, staff training & parent education is required and SCLARC has and will continue to search for additional resources to address this important issue.

Mr. Henderson spoke of the April 2012 letter from DDS to Board President, Bill West, regarding SCLARC's Board Composition. The letter outlined the areas where SCLARC's board did not meet the legal requirements for membership. In the Lanterman Act, Section 4.3-35 all boards must meet certain requirements, legal, education, geographic and ethnic representation.

Mr. Henderson introduced two new potential members to SCLARC's Board of Directors. Both women were referred by Mireya Ramirez who believes they will be an asset to SCLARC's board.

Ms. Claudia Hernandez – Is sister to an adolescent female with Down syndrome and she is also a therapist for an early intervention center.

Ms. Sandra Casado – A Mother of a daughter with Down syndrome. Ms. Casado is also a parent leader for the Down Syndrome Support Group.

BOARD ACTION-

To approve Claudia Hernandez and Sandra Casado to SCLARC's Board of Directors (M/S/C) (A. DaSilva / K. Washington / Unanimous)

PUBLIC INPUT:

Parent Kimberly Theard addressed the SCLARC Board of Directors and requested that her son Christian be permitted to transfer to another regional center because of her negative experiences with SCLARC.

GOOD of the ORDER:

Mr. West adjourned the May 22, 2012 Board of Directors meeting at 8:30pm.

Mr. West opened the May 22, 2012, Executive Session at 8:40pm.

Submitted by:



DEANNA CORBIN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



DATE

Approved by:



ANA DASILVA
BOARD SECRETARY



DATE