

**Harbor Regional Center**  
**Client Advisory Committee**  
**November 10, 2012**  
**Meeting**

Members Present: Wesley Dale, Chair (excused at meeting due to working); Debbie Howard, Co-Chair; Kelly Sutton; Thomas Basch; Danielle Schorr; Deaka McClain; Rita Teodoro, Secretary Treasurer; John Bolton; Constance Leuck; Erik Soe;

Guest: Desiree Baykin, Consumer Advocate SCLARC

HRC Staff Present: Rick Travis

Life Steps staff present: Jenelle Reyes

Debbie Howard, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Ms. Debbie Howard introduced the minutes of the August 17, 2012 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved by the committee members.

**ARCA Report**

Mr. Wesley Dale was unable to attend the meeting due to work obligations. He will update the Committee at the next meeting. Rick Travis reported that he attended the ARCA Conference in Pasadena in September. He stated there were numerous sessions that addressed employment, technology, and residential options.

**HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER  
CLIENT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
October 23, 2012**

**PRESENT:**

Fu-Tien Chiou, John Ross, Mei Chang, David Gauthier, Jahn Rokicki and guest, Jim Ross.

**MEETING NOTES:**

This meeting of the Client Services Committee (CSC) focused on HRC policies. Several months ago, at a previous meeting, the CSC members participated in reviewing proposed revisions to a number of HRC Policies. The CSC members input was quite helpful and ultimately the Policies were submitted to the Department of Developmental Services, which ultimately, reviewed and approved the Policies.

The agenda for tonight's meeting of the CSC was to take another look at these now officially approved HRC Policies from an individual implementation point of view. Scenarios describing various family and client situations were created as to use as a stimulus for discussion. The CSC members analyzed these situations from different perspectives and explored the critical thinking needed to appropriately evaluate individual client and family situations. There was lively discussion of each scenario.

The Committee was pleased that Jim Ross came to the meeting to thank the CSC and Pat Del Monico for the flowers sent to Annette's Funeral. Annette had been a long time member of the CSC and she is greatly missed. The Committee was also pleased that Jim will continue to attend meetings of the CSC.

**FUTURE MEETING:** Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 6:00pm.

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### **State Budget Update**

Rick Travis updated the Committee on current budget issues. No changes due to the passage of Proposition 30. Members discussed the recent election. All attendee indicated that they exercised their right to vote. Two members Deaka McClain and John Bolton reported that they volunteered at their polling site.

### **Regional Center Update**

Rick Travis reported that HRC has hired several new counselors. He also reported that HRC continues to promote and find new ways in assisting HRC clients in attaining their employment goals. He also reported that several new offices are available for client meetings in both the Torrance and Long Beach sites if they prefer to hold their annual meetings at HRC.

### **Discussion of Training Topics**

Mr. Rick Travis reported that he will follow up with the HRC staff who are holding a wellness fair next year to find out how the CAC can promote and support the event.

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### **CAC Outreach**

Members discussed reaching out to other HRC clients. Rick Travis offered to take a group photo at the next meeting in February to have on the website.

Members also discussed reaching out to Clients in day programs. Debbie Howard wants to let clients know the variety of options they have in the community. Debbie discussed how she prefers to volunteer at a school instead of attending a day program. Other members agreed that it would be helpful to meet more clients and let them know about the CAC. Rick Travis reported that some programs have their own type of CAC meeting that they could connect with and share ideas.

Janelle Reyes offered to have Seaside Learning Center be one of the first visits. Janelle will coordinate with Kelly and Rick before February.

### **Guest Client Advocate form South Central Regional Center**

Kelly Sutton, introduced Desiree Boykin Consumer Advocate from SCRC. Desiree shared that they have 10 active members and meet monthly. She shared her experiences and goals for her CAC in SCRC.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Debbie Howard adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

**Next Meeting will be February 9, 2013 in Torrance.**