



MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2014 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARBOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION, INC.

BOARD PRESENT:

Mr. George Bird, Board Member
Mr. Fu-Tien Chiou, Secretary
Mr. Joe Czarske, ARCA Representative
Ms. Kristine Engels, Board Member
Dr. James Flores, Board Member
Mr. David Gauthier, Board Member
Mr. Robert Irlen, Board Advisor
Ms. Patricia Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Karen Kinnebrew, President
Mr. John Rea, Past President
Dr. Bobbie Rendon-Christensen, Board Member
Mr. Mariano Sanz, Vice President
Ms. Wendy Sorel, Board Member

BOARD ABSENT:

Mr. Douglas Erber, Treasurer
Mr. Marvin Malito, Board Member
Dr. Monica Sifuentes, Board Member
Ms. Claudia Villanuevas, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Patricia Del Monico, Executive Director
Ms. Claudia DeMarco, Associate Director
Ms. Judy Wada, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Nancy Spiegel, Director, Info. & Dev.
Ms. Colleen Mock, Director, Community Services
Ms. Mary Hernandez, Director of Adolescent & Adult Services
Mr. Jahn Rokicki, Director of Children Services
Ms. Cheryl Perez, Executive Assistant

GUESTS:

Mr. Mead Duley, HRC Client
Ms. Denise Thornquest, DDS liaison
Mr. Christopher Arroyo, SCDD-LA Office
Ms. Brenda Sanchez, HRC staff
Ms. Anita Mey, HRC staff
Ms. Brissa Avila, HRC staff
Mr. Roberto Avila, HRC staff

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Kinnebrew called the Board Meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Kinnebrew welcomed Board members, guests and staff.

Ms. Kinnebrew invited the Board members and guests to introduce themselves.

Ms. Kinnebrew led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Kinnebrew asked that the record reflect that the Executive Committee met on January 6, 2015 to prepare the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Ms. Kinnebrew reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a training meeting.

Ms. Kinnebrew called the Board's attention to the Ballot that was provided to them and asked that they complete it and return it to the recording secretary at the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2014 BOARD MEETING.

Mr. Sanz moved to accept the DECEMBER 2, 2014 minutes of the Board meeting, and Ms. Sorel seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In Mr. Erber's absence, Ms. Wada reviewed the following financial statements: The Harbor Regional Center Monthly Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2014-15 dated Nov. 2014; the Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures, dated Nov. 14; the Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, dated Nov. 14 and the Harbor Regional Center POS Contract Summary, dated Nov. 2014.

Mr. Czarske moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for Harbor Regional Center and Mr. Sanz seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

1. CURRENT YEAR BUDGET STATUS:

Ms. Del Monico reported that all twenty-one centers have submitted their Sufficiency of Allocation Reports for the current fiscal year based upon expenditures through October, 2014 and referred the Board to the SOAR report which was included in the board packet prior to the meeting for review. This report is showing a need for additional funds in POS in the amount of approximately \$300 million. Ms. Del Monico advised that it is expected the projected statewide deficiency would be resolved by a combination of the distribution of funds remaining at DDS (about \$125 million) and an additional appropriation of about \$160 million being proposed in the Governor's Budget.

2. GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2015-16:

Ms. Del Monico provided information concerning the Governor's Proposed Budget, including pertinent provisions related to developmental services. She referenced the Department's summary of these provisions in a document entitled "*DDS Highlights*" that was provided in the board packet prior to the meeting. Ms. Del Monico advised that the Governor's Proposed Budget includes \$5.7 billion (\$3.3 billion General Fund) for support of the Department of Developmental Services. The number of clients with developmental disabilities in the community served by regional centers is expected to increase from 278,593 in the current year to 288,317 in 2015-16. The Department projects 951 individuals living in state-operated residential facilities by the end of 2015-16. Otherwise, Governor Brown's proposed 2015-2016 State Budget, as expected, included no major restorations in funding for previous reductions to the developmental services budget and no increases, such as cost-of-living adjustments, in recognition of increasing costs of doing business.

3. DDS RESPONSE TO LEGISLATORS ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR:

Ms. Del Monico advised the board that the response by Santi Rogers to those members of Legislature who recently wrote to Governor Brown urging him to support increases for regional centers and service providers was included in their board packet for their review. Ms. Del Monico took this opportunity to refer the board to the draft paper entitled, "On the Brink of Collapse: The Consequences of Underfunding California's Developmental Services System" which was included in their packet prior to the meeting. Mr. Czarske and Ms. DeMarco reported on the discussion about this paper at the recent ARCA meeting. Discussion followed.

4. DC/DS TASK FORCE UPDATE:

Ms. Del Monico informed the Board that Secretary Diana Dooley announced in December that the focus of the Task Force will initially be on service provider rates, rate restructure and regional center caseloads and operations. Ms. Del Monico briefly discussed the details of Ms. Dooley's message to the Task Force and advised she will keep the board informed of the Task Force proceedings.

5. LANTERMAN DC HAS CLOSED:

Ms. Del Monico announced that Lanterman DC closed officially on December 31, 2014. Ms. Del Monico reported that Harbor Regional Center currently has 39 clients residing at Fairview and 3 at Porterville and is continuing to identify community-based resources for these clients.

6. SELF DETERMINATION APPLICATION SUBMITTED:

Ms. Del Monico reported that before December 31, 2014 as required a Home and Community-Based Services Waiver application seeking federal funding for the Self Determination Program was submitted to the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS) and is available on the DDS website for review. It is expected that there will be some revisions required by CMS prior to their approval of the application and that this is likely to take some months. It is hoped that the application will be approved and the program can begin before another year passes.

7. PURCHASE OF SERVICE EXPENDITURE DATA

Ms. Del Monico informed the board that the 2013-14 Harbor Regional Center Diversity report has been posted on the website for public view. Ms. Del Monico announced that Harbor Regional Center will hold its annual community meetings to present the data to the public and solicit input. Both sessions are scheduled on March 24, 2015 with the first at 3:00pm in the Torrance office and the second at 6:30pm in the Long Beach office, both sessions will have capacity for translation into Spanish. Ms. Del Monico encouraged Board members to attend a session.

8. SCOTUS TO HEAR CASE CONCERNING RIGHT OF PRIVATE ACTION TO INCREASE MEDICAID RATES:

Ms. Del Monico reviewed with the Board that the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear the case of “*Armstrong v. Exceptional Child Center*”. Ms. Del Monico shared with the board the details of the Idaho appeal and the Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) compliance and reimbursement rules. Discussion followed.

Ms. Sorel moved to approve the Executive Report and Mr. Czarske seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. AUDIT

Ms. Sorel advised that there was nothing to report at this time.

B. BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Bird reminded everyone to complete the Retreat Ballot and return it to the recording secretary. Mr. Bird reported that the committee is in the process of interviewing potential board members.

C. CLIENT ADVISORY

Ms. Mock advised that the committee is scheduled to meet on Saturday, February 21st, 2015.

D. CLIENT SERVICES

Mr. Chiou reported that the committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 27th at 6:00 p.m.

E. COMMUNITY & FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Spiegel announced that the Holidays Are for Sharing and Adopt A Family programs were a huge success and thanked all that supported. The next meeting is scheduled in March.

F. SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY

Ms. Engels reported that the committee met earlier this evening and suggested hosting a legislative reception to represent the South Bay Assembly members. Ms. Engels advised that the committee will discuss this matter further at the March meeting.

G. BOARD PLANNING

Ms. Sorel reported that the committee is scheduled to meet later this month.

H. RETIREMENT

Mr. Czarske will report at the March Board meeting.

I. ARCA

Mr. Czarske noted that there had already been Board discussion of the major ARCA agenda items concerning the Governor's Budget and the ARCA paper on the developmental services system's critical need for additional funding. He announced that the next meeting will be in March in Sacramento.

J. HOPE (Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment)

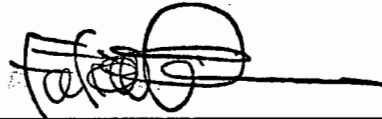
Mr. Irlen reported that HOPE continues to expand and that the City of Norwalk has provided an additional grant for the purchase of more homes in that area. The next HOPE Board meeting is scheduled for January 22nd.

Mr. Czarske moved to accept the committee reports and Mr. Bird seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kinnebrew adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by: _____



Mr. Fu-Tien Chiou, Secretary
Harbor Developmental Disabilities
Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees