

# HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER

## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2013 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARBOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION, INC.

### BOARD PRESENT:

Mr. Robert Bethel, Board Member  
Mr. George Bird, Past President  
Mr. Fu-Tien Chiou, Board Member  
Mr. Joe Czarske, Vice President  
Ms. Kristine Engels, Board Member  
Mr. Doug Erber, Board Member  
Dr. James Flores, Board Member  
Mr. Bob Irlen, Board Advisor  
Ms. Patricia Jordan, Board Member  
Mr. John Rea, President  
Mr. Mariano Sanz, ARCA Representative

### BOARD ABSENT:

Mr. Jeffrey Brower, Board Member  
Mr. Wesley Dale, Board Member  
Mr. David Gauthier, Secretary  
Ms. Karen Kinnebrew, Board Member  
Dr. Roberta Rendon-Christensen, Board Member  
Ms. Wendy Sorel, Treasurer

### CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mr. Rea.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Mr. Rea led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Mr. Rea welcomed Board members, guests and staff.
- c. Mr. Rea asked for members and guests to introduce themselves.
- d. Mr. Rea announced that Mr. Czarske has been appointed as the new ARCA representative. Mr. Rea thanked Mr. Sanz for his many distinct years of representing HRC at ARCA.
- e. Mr. Rea requested that the record reflect the Executive Committee met on January 3, 2013 to prepare the agenda for this board meeting.
- f. Mr. Rea informed the Board that the Board Development Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that the February Retreat previously scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2013 be cancelled. Mr. Rea announced that the next Executive Committee meeting on February

### STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Patricia Del Monico, Executive Director  
Ms. Claudia DeMarco, Associate Director  
Ms. Judy Wada, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Nancy Spiegel, Director, Information & Development  
Ms. Colleen Mock, Director, Community Services  
Mr. Jahn Rokicki, Director, Children's Services  
Ms. Jennifer Lauro, Executive Assistant

### GUESTS:

Mr. Mead Duley, HRC Client  
Ms. Pam Arturi, HRC Counselor  
Ms. Sara Nisenholtz, Parent of HRC Client  
Mr. Allan Smith, DDS  
Mr. Marcus Lewis, Guest  
Ms. Vanessa Nielson, HRC Counselor  
Ms. Mayra Marcelo, HRC Counselor  
Ms. Erika Landeros, HRC Counselor  
Ms. Karin Valverde, HRC Counselor

5, 2013 will confirm a possible February 19, 2013 Board Meeting in lieu of a retreat. Mr. Rea asked that the Board mark this date on his and her calendars for a possible morning Board meeting.

- g. Mr. Rea announced that a June Retreat date is set for June 1, 2013 to be held at Terranea.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2012 BOARD MEETING.**  
**Mr. Sanz moved to accept the NOVEMBER 20, 2012 minutes of the Board meeting, and**  
**Mr. Chiou seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ms. Wada reviewed the following financial statements: Harbor Developmental Disabilities Foundation Harbor Help Fund Statement of Income and Expense July 1 – September 30, 2012; Harbor Regional Center Monthly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2012-13, Oct-12; Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures Oct-12; Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report Oct-12; Harbor Regional Center Monthly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2012-13, Nov-12; Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures Nov-12; and Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report Nov-12.

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

### **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

#### **1. 2011-2012 BUDGET:**

Ms. Del Monico informed the Board that DDS notified regional centers of the amounts to be included in the C-8 amendment to last fiscal year's contract. Ms. Del Monico advised the Board that an estimated \$16 million of expenditures made beyond contract authority still remains for the last fiscal year.

#### **2. 2012-2013 BUDGET:**

Ms. Del Monico reported to the Board that findings from the first Sufficiency of Allocation Reports for the current fiscal year along with an Impact Analysis from ARCA and a DDS Allocation Report, attachments provided to the Board in the Board packet, show there will be a significant deficiency again for the 2012-2013 Budget.

#### **3. GOVERNOR'S BUDGET FOR FY 2013-14:**

Ms. Del Monico updated the Board on the highlights of the Governor's Budget for fiscal year 2013-14.

#### **4. CAPITOL PEOPLE FIRST vs. DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES et al:**

Ms. Del Monico provided the Board with information on the status of this settled lawsuit.

#### **5. RAYMOND C. et.al. v. SUP.CT:**

Ms. Del Monico summarized the status of this current lawsuit which involves a HRC client who resides at Fairview Developmental Center, is non-verbal and conserved by his

parents. The question to be decided in this litigation is whether the Public Defender has jurisdiction to petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus which would determine whether the client should remain at Fairview or move into an alternative appropriate setting in the community. ARCA will submit an amicus brief in this matter. Ms. Del Monico will keep the Board advised as to the status of the matter.

**6. SONOMA STATE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER - UPDATE:**

Ms. Del Monico updated the Board on the Sonoma State Development Center's potential loss of its primary license to operate after evidence of abuse and sex crimes have been revealed and she referred the Board to two newspaper articles and a statement from DDS provided in the board packet for further information on the issue.

**7. SAMANTHA C. v. DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES et al:**

Ms. Del Monico brought the Board up to date on this case that is now proceeding to status conference which is expected to be held in February. Ms. Del Monico will continue to keep the Board informed in this matter.

**8. PRESENTATION**

Ms. Nancy Spiegel, Director of Information and Development gave a presentation on the Harbor Regional Center Annual Report 2012 Enthusiasm Handout and on the new HRC Website progress.

**Mr. Sanz moved to approve the Executive Report. Mr. Bethel seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) AUDIT**

In Ms. Kinnebrew's absence, Ms. Wada reminded the Board that the audit prepared for the year ending June 30, 2012 was approved at the last meeting. Ms. Wada informed the Board that the committee's next task is to complete 990 tax filings.

**b) BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Bird announced that the Board Retreat scheduled to take place in February has been cancelled. The Committee is already planning the June Retreat topic and Mr. Bird asked Board members to reserve Saturday, June 1, 2013 for a daytime retreat and the traditional Board Recognition Dinner that evening.

**c) CLIENT ADVISORY**

Ms Mock advised that a meeting was scheduled for February 2, 2013.

**d) CLIENT SERVICES**

Mr. Chiou summarized the Committee's meeting of Tuesday, November 27, 2012 and stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

**e) COMMUNITY & FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

In Dr. Rendon-Christensen's absence, Ms. Spiegel informed the Board that HRC received a grant of \$1,900 from Northrop Grumman. She also shared preliminary information concerning the Adopt-a-Family Campaign as well as the holiday giving effort.

f) **SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY**

Ms. Engels advised that a meeting was scheduled for February 19, 2013 and she will report back at the March Board meeting.

g) **BOARD PLANNING**

In Ms. Sorel's absence, Ms. Spiegel reported that the Board Planning Committee had a meeting on December 12, 2013.

h) **RETIREMENT**

Mr. Bethel reviewed the following items: Harbor Regional Center Retirement Plan Balances and the Harbor Regional Center Retirement Plan Performance, dated September 30, 2012.

i) **ARCA**

Mr. Sanz informed the Board that Mr. Czarske will report on the outcome of the January 17 and 18 ARCA Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings at the next Board meeting.

j) **HOPE (Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment)**


Mr. Irlen announced that HOPE is having a Spring Fundraiser sponsored by the Rotary Club on March 15, 2013 at the Comedy and Magic Club in Hermosa Beach. Those interested should contact HOPE for information on how to purchase tickets.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Mrs. Sara Nisenholtz, a parent of a HRC Client, presented concerns regarding implementation of the Board policy on co-payment assistance. Mr. Rea asked that staff follow up with Mrs. Nisenholtz after the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by:   
Mr. G. David Gauthier, Secretary  
Harbor Developmental Disabilities  
Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees