

**HARBOR  
REGIONAL  
CENTER**

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 17, 2012 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE HARBOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
FOUNDATION, INC.**

**BOARD PRESENT:**

Mr. George Bird, Past-President  
Mr. Fu-Tien Chiou  
Mr. Joe Czarske, Vice-President  
Ms. Kristine Engels  
Mr. David Gauthier, Secretary  
Mr. Bob Irlen, Board Advisor  
Mr. John Rea, President  
Ms. Wendy Sorel, Treasurer  
Mr. Wesley Dale  
Ms. Patricia Jordan

**BOARD ABSENT:**

Mr. Robert Bethel  
Mr. Jeff Brower  
Mr. Doug Erber  
Mrs. Karen Kinnebrew  
Dr. Roberta Rendon-Christensen  
Mr. Mariano Sanz, ARCA Representative

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ms. Claudia DeMarco, Associate Director  
Ms. Mary Hernandez, Director, Adult Services  
Ms. Nancy Spiegel, Director, Information & Development  
Ms. Cheryl Perez, Executive Assistant  
Mrs. Jennifer Lauro, Executive Assistant

**GUESTS:**

Ms. Theresa Mason, HRC staff  
Ms. Trinidad Gonzalez, HRC staff  
Ms. Kathie Sarles, HRC staff  
Ms. Tina Nathan, Parent  
Mr. Barry Finley, Community

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6.35 p.m. by Mr. Rea.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Mr. Rea welcomed Board members, guest and staff.
- b. Mr. Rea led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- c. Mr. Rea welcomed Ms Patricia Jordan, Ms. Kristine Engels and Mr. George Bird who were elected at the May Board meeting to serve on the Board.
- d. Mr. Rea also welcomed Mrs. Jennifer Lauro, the Executive Assistant who has joined the Executive office working alongside Ms. Cheryl Perez.
- e. Mr. Rea reminded the Board that there is no Board meeting in August and the next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 8:00 am.

f. Mr. Rea announced the following officers who **were elected at the May Board meeting:**

Mr. John Rea, President  
Mr. Joe Czarske, Vice-President  
Mr. David Gauthier, Secretary  
Ms. Wendy Sorel, Treasurer

g. Mr. Rea asked that the record reflect there was no business meeting in June, but the Board did attend the June Board Retreat and Board recognition dinner. Mr. Rea thanked the Board Development Committee and the Executive Staff. Mr. Rea stated that it was a pleasure to meet and hear from Eileen Richey from ARCA and the further discussions concerning diversity, autism diagnosis and insurance were important and timely. Mr. Rea gave a special thank you to Executive Assistant Cheryl Perez.

h. Mr. Rea recalled to the Board that at the Retreat some time was taken to discuss a matter of business related to contracts which exceed \$250,000. There were two Purchase of Service and one Operations contract which were discussed and approved as follows:

- HOPE - \$1,475,000 (a CCP acquisition and remodeling grant for 4 properties);
- The Columbus Organization – up to \$2.1 million (various clinical services);
- The Del Harbor Foundation – up to \$475,000 (various tenant improvements including improvement of handicapped parking, air duct cleaning, replacement of several of the HVAC units, and needed restroom renovations).

**RATIFICATION OF THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE AND OPERATIONS CONTRACTS. Ms Sorel moved to RATIFY the two Purchase of Service and one Operations contracts as follows: HOPE - \$1,475,000 (a CCP acquisition and remodeling grant for 4 properties); The Columbus Organization – up to \$2.1 million (various clinical services); The Del Harbor Foundation – up to \$475,000 (various tenant improvements including improvement of handicapped parking, air duct cleaning, replacement of several of the HVAC units, and needed restroom renovations). Mr. Chiou seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2012 BOARD MEETING. Mr. Czarske moved to accept the MAY 15, 2012 minutes of the Board meeting, and Ms. Sorel seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ms. Sorel reviewed the following financial statements: Harbor Regional Center Monthly Recap Fiscal Year 2011/2012, for the month of April 2012 and May 2012; Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures, dated April 2012 and May 2012; Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, dated April 2012 and May 2012.

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

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

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

Ms. DeMarco briefly reviewed the June SOAR report provided by the ARCA staff. Ms. DeMarco advised that HRC expects to receive the first installment of the 2012-13 advance at any time. ARCA continues to urge that the state return to the long-standing practice of providing a full 25% advance, once the state budget is passed. Discussion followed.

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

Ms. DeMarco advised the Board that there have been very few changes to the updated Governor's budget in the Legislature since the May Board meeting and referred the Board to the Budget Summary report which was included in their packet for further details on the entire statewide budget. Ms. DeMarco briefly reviewed the recap of the finalized reductions, which are listed below:

- a. *Developmental Services reduced by \$200million GF;*
- b. *Maximize Federal Funds;*
- c. *Recognize Savings from implementation of SB 946, re:Insurance for ASD;*
- d. *Redesign Services for Individuals with Challenging Needs;*
- e. *Redesign Supported Living Assessments;*
- f. *Reduce Regional Center & provider Rates by 1.25% for one year;*
- g. *Recognize Additional Cost Savings and Efficiencies; and*
- h. *November 2012 "Trigger Provisions"*

Ms. DeMarco called the Board's attention to the letter which was sent to families, regarding the implementation of the transition to insurance and also referred the board to the booklet entitled; *"Making it happen"- How to Access Behavioral Health Treatment Services from private health insurance for individuals with autism spectrum disorder; "A Guide for parents"*.

### **3. CASELOAD RATIOS:**

Ms. Wada informed the Board of a Public Meeting held at 4:00 p.m. today to respond to DDS's request for a plan to meet the required caseload ratio for clients enrolled in Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Program. Ms. Wada advised the Board that HRC will respond to DDS's request immediately.

### **4. ENSURING FAIR & EQUAL ACCESS TO REGIONAL CENTER SERVICES:**

Ms. DeMarco advised the Board of the additional trailer bill language requiring an annual compilation and publishing of existing purchase of service utilization and expenditure data by regional center with respect to race, ethnicity, client age and disability. Ms. DeMarco reported that these requirements will be posted on the website.

**5. COORDINATED CARE INITIATIVE:**

Ms. DeMarco reported that California is one of 15 states awarded a federal contract to develop new models of coordinated care for people eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid (Medi-Cal), also known as dual eligibles. Ms. DeMarco reported that the pilot project will proceed and expand, but regional center clients have been exempted for the time being. Ms. DeMarco will be following the issue of managed care for clients as it evolves and will keep the Board informed. Ms. DeMarco urged the Board to read a document provided in the Board packet titled; "Reassessing the Impact of Managed Care" that explores the implications of the movement to managed care for people with developmental disabilities.

**6. A NEW DAY:**

Ms. DeMarco announced that the fourth conference on employment and housing for people with developmental disabilities, entitled; " A New Day" will be held on September 18 and 19 at the Hilton in Pasadena, CA. Ms. DeMarco advised the Board that HRC is expecting many people to attend and encouraged the Board to review the conference brochure, titled; "A New Day" for details. Ms. DeMarco told the Board to contact the Executive Office if any Board Member wished to attend.

Ms. DeMarco briefly reviewed the requirements set forth in Assembly Bill 2338; "Employment First Policy" as a related matter. Ms. DeMarco advised the Board that the bill is expected to pass and to be signed into law soon and that staff are currently working on a draft of an Employment First Policy for consideration by our Client Services Committee and subsequently by the full Board.

Ms. DeMarco also reported to the Board, as it relates to AB 2338, that DDS just released its 2009-10 Annual Report on Employment and Day Programs which shows a slight, but continued increase in supported employment and a decrease in work in segregated, sub-minimum wage settings.

Ms. DeMarco concluded discussion relating to the issue of employment by reporting status on a class action lawsuit filed by advocates for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities last January challenging Oregon's failure to provide supported employment services to state residents who are segregated in sheltered workshops. Ms. DeMarco informed the Board of a news article about the lawsuit as well as the Department of Justice statement of interest pertaining to the lawsuit.

**PRESENTATION:**

Ms. Kathie Sarles, Early Childhood Specialist gave a presentation to the Board with a brief update on the federal programs which support a substantial portion of regional center funding.

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **AUDIT**

In Mrs. Kinnebrew's absence, Ms. Wada reported that the new auditors "Lautze & Lautze" are currently conducting the independent audit and advised the board that the draft report will be presented at the November Board meeting.

b) **BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Bird reported that the committee is currently interviewing and will report further at the next Board meeting.

c) **CLIENT ADVISORY**

Mr. Dale reported that there will be a meeting on Saturday, July 21, 2012, and will report at the next Board meeting in September.

d) **CLIENT SERVICES**

Mr. Chiou reported that there was no meeting in June, and the next meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2012.

e) **COMMUNITY & FINANCIAL DEV**

Ms. Spiegel reported that the committee is currently working on grants for the upcoming Holiday fundraising season.

f) **SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY**

Ms. Engels referred the Board to the committee minutes, which were included in their packet prior to the meeting for their review. Ms. Engels advised that the next meeting will be on August 27, 2012.

g) **RETIREMENT**

In Mr. Bethel's absence, Ms. Wada reviewed the Retirement Performance plan balances dated March, 31, 2012.

h) **ARCA**

Ms. DeMarco reported that Mr. Dale was voted Chair of ARCA statewide CSC.

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


Mr. Irlen announced that he was re-elected as President. Mr. Irlen reminded the Board that the HOPE Golf & Tennis Tournament is on Monday, November 5, 2012 at the Rolling Hills Country Club and invited all to join.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Ms. Tina Nathan requested clarification regarding the CA state law mandated on July 1<sup>st</sup> pertaining to private health insurance. Ms. DeMarco briefly reviewed the responsibilities of the Regional Centers and advised Ms. Nathan that she would meet with her after the meeting to discuss any further questions or concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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