



MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2019 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARBOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION, INC.

BOARD PRESENT:

Mr. Ron Bergmann, Board Member
Mr. Fu-Tien Chiou, *Treasurer*
Mr. Joe Czarske, *Vice President*
Dr. James Flores, *Secretary*
Mr. David Gauthier, Board Member
Mr. Jeffrey Herrera, Board Member
Mr. Bob Irlen, Board Advisor
Ms. Patricia Jordan, Board Member
Mr. Christopher Patay, Board Member
Ms. Paul Quiroz, Board Member
Dr. Bobbie Rendon-Christensen, Board Member
Mr. Mariano Sanz, *President*
Dr. Monica Sifuentes, Board Member
Ms. Kim Vuong, Board Member

BOARD ABSENT:

Mr. La Velle Gates, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Patricia Del Monico, Executive Director
Ms. Judy Wada, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Nancy Spiegel, Director of Information & Development
Ms. Erica Reimer Snell, Director of Community Services
Ms. LaWanna Blair, Director of Early Childhood Services
Ms. Antoinette Perez, Director of Children's Services
Ms. Mary Hernandez, Director of Adult Services
Ms. Cheryl Perez, Executive Assistant
Ms. Jennifer Lauro, Executive Assistant
Mr. Jesus Jimenez, Executive Team Assistant

GUESTS:

Mr. Isidro Herrera, HRC Parent
Ms. Lisa Marie Celentino, HRC Staff
Ms. Vianey Gomes, HRC Parent
Ms. Irma Ramirez, HRC Parent
Mr. William Ames
Ms. Maria Teresa Gonzalez, HRC Parent
Ms. Jaclyn Balanay, DDS
Ms. Sofia Cervantes, SCDD
Ms. Guadalupe Nolasco, HRC Parent
Ms. Mayra Garcia, HRC Parent
Ms. Patricia Alberini, HRC Parent
Ms. Paula Martinez, HRC Parent
Ms. Maria Zavala, HRC Parent
Ms. Adriana Garcia, HRC Parent
Ms. Amelia Castellanos, HRC Parent
Ms. Roya Lisboa, HRC Parent

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sanz called the Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sanz led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and welcomed Board members, guests and staff. Mr. Sanz asked the Board members and staff to introduce themselves.

Mr. Sanz advised all present that there will be an opportunity for the Board to receive comments from the public immediately following the end of the Board's regular business meeting. Anyone present who wishes to address the Board during the public comment time should complete the Public Comment Request form and submit it to the Executive Assistant.

The MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2019 BOARD MEETING were presented by Dr. Flores. There were no questions and the minutes were received and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Chiou reviewed the following financial statements, which were received and filed: Harbor Regional Center Monthly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2018-19, dated December 18; Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures, dated December 2018; Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, dated December 18; Harbor Regional Center POS Contract Summary, dated December 18; Harbor Regional Center Monthly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2018-19, dated January 2019; Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures, dated January 19; Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, dated January 19; the Harbor Regional Center POS Contract Summary, dated January 19; and the Harbor Developmental Disabilities Foundation Harbor Help Fund Statement of Income and Expense Fiscal Year 2018-19.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

1. FY 2018/19 BUDGET UPDATE:

Ms. Del Monico referred the Board to the "POS Expenditure Projection" or (PEP) for 2018/19 based upon expenditures through December 2018. Discussion followed.

2. LEGISLATIVE ANALYST REPORT OF THE DDS BUDGET FOR FY 2019-20:

Ms. Del Monico provided the Board with a lengthy summary of the Legislative's Analyst's "Analysis of the Department of Developmental Services Budget" as proposed by Governor Newsom for FY 2019/20. Ms. Del Monico summarized the key recommendations made by the LAO.

3. LEGISLATIVE ANALYST REPORT REGARDING GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL ON INFANTS AND TODDLERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

Ms. Del Monico referred the Board to another report by the LAO entitled "Governor's Proposal for Infants and Toddlers with Special Needs", which contained several recommendations to address concerns related to early intervention services in California.

4. ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING:

Ms. Del Monico advised that the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services held its hearing on March 6, 2019. The hearing was focused on the portion of the Governor's Budget that pertains to provider rate study, safety net services, headquarters restructuring and reorganization, HCBS compliance and the uniform holiday schedule. Ms. Del Monico provided a brief summary on the main topics noted above and discussion followed.

5. RESPIRE POLICY:

Ms. Del Monico referred the Board to the current and draft revised respite policies and requested the Board's consideration and action on the revised respite policy. Ms. Del Monico advised that all changes to the policy were based upon input received through our service review process under LaWanna Blair's leadership with oversight from the Client Services Committee.

Mr. Chiou moved to approve the revised Respite Policy and Ms. Rendon-Christensen seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

6. REVIEW OF POLICIES AND PRACTICES – PROGRESS REPORT:

Ms. Del Monico provided the Board with a brief progress report on our service reviews to date and advised that our next service review of “Licensed Living Options” began in February as part of the work of the Client Services Committee and under the leadership of Mary Hernandez. As Ms. Hernandez will be leaving HRC in April, Ms. Del Monico, along with Ms. Wada and Ms. Snell will ensure that the final two sessions will move forward as planned with a draft report and plan to the Board by the September Board meeting.

7. PURCHASE OF SERVICE EXPENDITURE DATA:

Ms. Del Monico advised that the Lanterman Act requires the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and all Regional Centers to compile and distribute information regarding the purchase of regional center services by age, diagnosis, ethnicity, language and living arrangement. Harbor Regional Center posted the data as required and will present this data on March 20, 2019 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at our Torrance Office and on March 28, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at our Long Beach Office. Ms. Del Monico encourages Board members and visitors to attend these public meetings.

8. DISPARITY FUNDS ALLOCATED BY DDS:

Ms. Del Monico reviewed with the Board the charts showing the allocation of disparity proposals. Discussion followed.

9. PRESENTATION:

Ms. Lisa Marie Celentino, one of HRC’s nurses, gave a brief presentation concerning our Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) initiative and our progress to date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ARCA

Mr. Czarske reported on ARCA’s continued strategic planning that is focusing on funding and sustainability, inclusive communities, and flexible and sustainable service models.

B. AUDIT

In Mr. Gates absence, Ms. Wada informed the Board that the Audit Committee is currently working with our auditors on the 990 form for last fiscal year.

C. BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Sanz advised that at the annual meeting of the Board in May, we will hold elections for Board members whose terms are expiring, but who are eligible for an additional term and at the May meeting we will also have an election of officers for next fiscal year.

D. BOARD PLANNING

Mr. Bergmann stated that the Board Planning Committee reviewed status of the disparity projects currently underway, and discussed the redesign of HRC’s website.

E. CLIENT ADVISORY

Mr. Gauthier shared that the Client Advisory Committee was updated on the Self-Determination and ABLE Act programs.

F. CLIENT SERVICES

Ms. Jordan advised that the committee had held its first meeting on the licensed living options service review.

G. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Dr. Sifuentes shared that the committee had discussions on continued budget advocacy and began planning for HRC's 45th Anniversary event.

H. HOPE

Mr. Irlen reported that HOPE is currently working on improvements to various properties and continued fundraising efforts.

I. SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY

Mr. Sanz advised that the program is moving along and the 'train the trainers' trainings have taken place. Ms. Sanz stated that now the focus will be on refining the materials and to begin meeting with families for their orientation.

J. SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY

Mr. Quiroz reported that the committee's main focus was on the Rate Study.

K. RETIREMENT

Dr. Flores reported on the Retirement Plan Balances as of 12-31-2018.

PUBLIC INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

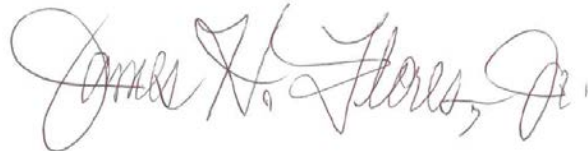
Mr. Sanz advised that public input was next on the agenda. He advised that the Board welcomes visitors and provides an opportunity for public comment at the end of each Board meeting. Up to 20 minutes are scheduled for the Board to receive comments from those in the audience and each person wishing to address the Board is requested to restrict their comments to 2 minutes in order to accommodate everyone.

Mr. Sanz indicated that six (6) public comment forms had been received and he called upon those wishing to provide input. Comments included questions about the Governor's Budget, comments about the need for educational advocacy and child care options.

Mr. Sanz stated that our Board is very interested in all comments made by those present and listens carefully to them. Mr. Sanz advised that presenters seeking information or some response to an inquiry should leave their contact information for follow up by staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Sanz advised that there would be no executive session following the business meeting.



Submitted by: _____

Dr. James Flores, Secretary
Harbor Developmental Disabilities
Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees