



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

**BOARD PRESENT:**

Ms. Rhiannon Acree  
Mr. Robert Bethel  
Mr. George Bird, Past-President  
Mr. Jeff Brower  
Mr. David Gauthier, Secretary  
Mr. Bob Irlen, Board Advisor  
Mrs. Karen Kinnebrew  
Mr. John Rea, President  
Mr. Mariano Sanz, ARCA Representative  
Ms. Wendy Sorel

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ms. Pat Del Monico, Executive Director  
Ms. Claudia DeMarco, Associate Director  
Mr. Michael Tredinnick, Director, Children's Services  
Ms. Colleen Mock, Director, Community Services  
Mr. Jahn Rokicki, Director, Early Children's Services  
Ms. Nancy Spiegel, Director, Information & Development  
Ms. Judy Wada, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Cheryl Perez, Executive Assistant

**BOARD ABSENT:**

Mr. Fu-Tien Chiou  
Mr. Joe Czarske, Treasurer  
Mr. Wesley Dale  
Mr. Doug Erber  
Mrs. Lisa Hall  
Dr. Roberta Rendon-Christensen, Vice-President

**GUESTS:**

Mr. Mead Duley, Community  
Mr. Allan Smith, DDS  
Ms. Monica Rodriguez, HRC staff  
Ms. Shemeka Bullock, HRC staff  
Ms. Josephina Fernandez, HRC staff  
Ms. Adriana Taboada, HRC staff

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Mr. David Gauthier.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Mr. Gauthier welcomed Board members, guest and staff.
- b. Mr. Gauthier led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- c. Mr. Gauthier reminded the board that the May meeting is the annual meeting and elections of the officers will be held for next year.
- d. Mr. Gauthier also reminded the board that the Summer Board Retreat will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012.
- e. Mr. Gauthier advised the board that they have been provided with a list of Trustees who are eligible for election to serve an additional term and asked everyone to complete the ballot and return it to the recording secretary at the end of the meeting.

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

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

In Mr. Czarske's absence, Ms. Wada reviewed the following financial statements: Harbor Regional Center Monthly Recap Fiscal Year 2011/2012, for February 2012; the Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures, for February 2012; and the Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, for February 2012.

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

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

Ms. Del Monico announced that Dr. Michael Tredinnick, HRC Director of Children's Services, will be leaving us for an exceptional opportunity with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. Ms. Del Monico thanked Dr. Tredinnick and asked the board to join her in wishing him all the best.

### **1. LINE OF CREDIT: CITY NATIONAL BANK:**

Ms. Del Monico asked the board for their consideration and approval for Harbor regional center to extend its line of credit with City National Bank.

**Ms. Sorel moved to resolve that Harbor Regional Center extend its line of credit with City National Bank. The original principal amount of the revolving note was \$33,000,000, payable in full on June 30, 2012. The termination date will be extended to June 30, 2013. The principal amount will be increased to \$35,000,000 from July 1, 2012 until October 1, 2012, or the effective date of the State of California budget for the fiscal year 2012-13; and \$12,000,000, thereafter, to manage cash flow requirements as needed, Ms Kinnebrew seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.**

### **2. 2011-2012 UPDATE:**

Ms. Del Monico called the boards attention to the Sufficiency of Allocation Report dated March 2012, which was included in the packet prior to the meeting, showing a projected statewide deficit of about \$300 million. Ms. Del Monico reported that the report does not reflect the C3 amendment. Ms. Del Monico advised the board that she will watch this closely and keep the board advised.

### **3. 2012-2013 GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL:**

Ms. Del Monico reported that two of the Budget hearings were held in March and briefly reviewed the items of special note with the board. Ms. Del Monico referred the board to the senate hearing agenda for further details. Ms. Del Monico called the boards attention to the DDS plan; "to achieve trigger savings" and the ARCA budget position letter for a detailed description of the five options discussed:

- 1) *Greater access to insurance for payment of various autism services;*
- 2) *Reducing developmental center admissions;*
- 3) *Use of various technologies;*
- 4) *Enhanced federal funding;*
- 5) *Continuation of some or all of the 4.25% rate reductions*

**4. STATE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER UPDATE:**

Ms. Del Monico notified the board that DDS has announced that new measures have been designed to improve safety and new protocols for responders, in order to strengthen protections for residents, the rules for investigations and additional training requirements. Ms Del Monico will continue to keep the board advised concerning any new developments related to this issue.

**5. DIAGNOSTIC AND STATISTICAL MANUAAL OF MENTAL DISRORDERS - 5:**

Ms. Del Monico advised the Board the details of the manual coming out next year and referred the board to “the joint statement of the autism society and autistic self advocacy network on the DSM-5 and Autism”, which urges a broad interpretation of the definition of autism spectrum disorder. Ms. Del Monico will continue to keep the board advised in this matter.

**6. THE SHELTERED WORK CONTROVERSY:**

Ms. Del Monico reported that due to the recent audit of South by vocational center, an increase in our attention to this issue is essential and called the boards attention to the following documents for further review regarding this issue; entitled; “Oregonians with Disabilities file class action suit against the governor”; and a whitepaper entitled “Beyond segregated and exploited: update on the employment of people with disabilities”, which was provided to them prior to the meeting for their review.

**7. ARTICLES:**

Ms. Del Monico referred the board to some interesting news and journal articles, which were included in their packet for further reading regarding budget cuts and autism.

**8. PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Michael Tredinnick, Director of Children’s Services gave a brief presentation on the topic of “*Interagency Coordination*”.

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a) BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Bird announced that Ms. Rhiannon Acree and Ms. Lisa Hall's term will end in June and wanted to thank these Trustees for their years of service and extends an invitation to each of them to continue to participate in various other capacities with Harbor Regional Center. Mr. Bird reported that the committee has nominated the officers for the slate of 2012/2013 and referred the board to the committee minutes for further details of the upcoming annual meeting and Board Retreat.

### **b) CLIENT SERVICES**

In Mr. Chiu's absence, Ms. DeMarco reported that the committee met on March 27, 2012 and referred the board to the committee minutes, which were included in their packet prior to the meeting. Ms. DeMarco announced that the next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2012, Mr. Jahn Rokicki, Director of Early Children's Services will be presenting, and extended an invitation to all who would like to attend.

### **c) SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY**

Ms. Mock reported that the committee met in March, and referred the board to the minutes that were included in their packet for further details. Ms. Mock advised the board that the committee will be meeting again today immediately following the HDDF Board meeting.

### **d) BOARD PLANNING**

Ms. Sorel called the Boards attention to the draft HRC Core Values which were included in their board packet for review and approval prior to the meeting. Discussion followed.

**Mr. Bethel moved to accept the HRC Core Values and Mr. Sanz seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.**

### **e) HOPE**

Mr. Irlen reported that there was no meeting prior to the board meeting tonight. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2012. Mr. Irlen announced that the new Executive Director for HOPE, Mr. Kristin Martin will join us on May 1, 2012

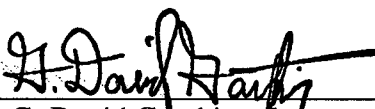
**Mr. Sanz moved to accept the committee reports and Ms. Acree seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Rea announced that he proudly attended a luncheon on March 16, 2012, in honor of Ms. Patricia Del Monico. Mr. Rea also announced that Mr. George Bird has been officially sworn in as the new Mayor of Palos Verdes Estates and asked all to join him in congratulating them for their accomplishments. There was no audience input.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Submitted by:



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