



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

BOARD PRESENT:

Mr. Robert Bethel
Mr. George Bird, Past-President
Mr. Jeff Brower
Mr. Fu-Tien Chiou
Mr. Joe Czarske, Treasurer
Mr. Doug Erber
Mr. David Gauthier, Secretary
Mrs. Lisa Hall
Mr. Bob Irlen, Board Advisor
Mrs. Karen Kinnebrew
Mr. John Rea, President
Dr. Roberta Rendon-Christensen, Vice-President
Mr. Mariano Sanz, ARCA Representative
Ms. Wendy Sorel

BOARD ABSENT:

Mr. Wesley Dale
Ms. Rhiannon Acree

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Pat Del Monico, Executive Director
Ms. Claudia DeMarco, Associate Director
Ms. Mary Hernandez, Director, Adult Services
Mr. Michael Tredinnick, Director, Children's Services
Ms. Colleen Mock, Director, Community Services
Ms. Nancy Spiegel, Director, Information & Development
Ms. Cheryl Perez, Executive Assistant

GUESTS:

Mr. Allan Smith, DDS liaison
Ms. Erin Mance, HRC staff
Ms. Kathie Sarles, HRC staff
Colette Modore, community
Frank Balany, community
Mead Duely, community

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:34 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 asked that the record reflect that the Executive Committee met on January 3, 2012 to prepare the agenda for tonight's meeting.

- d. Mr. Rea reminded the Board that there will not be a regular Board business meeting in February and asked that the Board attend the Board Retreat scheduled on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.
- e. Mr. Rea announced to the Board that an Executive Session will take place immediately following tonight's meeting to discuss a legal matter.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2011 BOARD MEETING. Mrs. Kinnebrew moved to accept the NOVEMBER 15, 2011 minutes of the Board meeting, and Mr. Sanz seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Czarske reviewed the following financial statements: Harbor Regional Center Monthly Recap Fiscal Year 2011/2012, October 2011; Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures, October 2011; Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, October 2011.

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

EXECUTIVE REPORT

1. 2011-2012 UPDATE:

Ms. Del Monico briefly reviewed the November SOAR report provided to DDS which shows the projected statewide deficit and advised the board that DDS has not yet allocated a substantial amount of the funds available. Ms. Del Monico advised the Board that the "trigger" had been pulled requiring a \$100 million cut to the developmental services budget in the current year and also called Board members' attention to the DDS budget highlights which had been included in the materials provided to the Board in advance of the meeting. These highlights indicated that there would be reductions in addition to the trigger in the developmental services budget in the current year due primarily to the fact that the ADHC program is not going to be discontinued. Discussion concerning the changes in current year budget followed.

2. 2012-2013 GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL:

Ms. Del Monico reviewed with the Board the Governor's proposed budget for next fiscal year. Ms. Del Monico referred again to the DDS highlights to review with the Board the Governor's spending plan for next fiscal year. She advised the Board that budget hearings and the May Revise to the Governor's proposed budget will surely suggest changes before a final budget is agreed to and stated that she will continue to follow the process and keep the board informed.

3. BUREAU OF STATE AUDITS REPORT:

Ms. Del Monico reported that the California State Auditor, Bureau of State Audits, has issued “Recommendations for Legislative Consideration from Audits Issued During 2010 and 2011” in which the BSA recommends that the Department of Developmental Services “should provide effective oversight of the regional centers’ rate-setting practices.” Ms. Del Monico referred the board to the full report entitled; “BSA report 2011”, with highlighted pertinent comments on pages 19 and 20 for further details.

4. THE WAY FORWARD UPDATE:

Ms. Del Monico reported that the second meeting of “The Way Forward” project took place on January 12th. Mr. Rea and Ms. Del Monico attended, along with Executive Directors and Board Presidents from several Northern Regional Centers and all the southern regional centers with the exception of San Diego. Mr. Rea briefly reviewed with the board the objective of a proposed survey the group is planning to circulate to seek input concerning possible improvements to the service delivery system.

5. AUTISM SERIES:

Ms. Del Monico reported that in December the *Los Angeles Times* published a series of articles on autism. Ms. Del Monico advised the board that the information in order to access the articles was provided in their packets for those had not already had an opportunity to reach the articles.

6. COLLEGE TO CAREER OPEN HOUSE:

Ms. Del Monico reported the Open House took place on November 17th, 2011. Mr. Bob Foster, Mayor of Long Beach, cut the ribbon, and it was a great success. Ms. Del Monico referred the board to the *Gazette* article entitled; “*College to Career Helps Disabled Youngsters*”, which was included in their packet for further details.

7. ARCA:

Ms. Del Monico announced that ARCA has selected Eileen Richey to serve as Executive Director and advised the board that an invitation will be extended to Ms. Richey to attend the June Retreat in order to share with us her vision for the future of the Association.

8. PRESENTATION:

Ms. DeMarco gave a presentation to the Board with a brief update on the federal programs which support a substantial portion of regional center funding.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) CLIENT SERVICES

Mr. Chiou reported that the committee met on November 29th. The topic of discussion continued regarding the current purchase of service policies. Mr. Michael Tredinnick, Director of Children's Services presented to the committee on the proposed revised HRC policy; "*Day/After school care service*". Mr. Chiou informed the board that the therapy Services policy was also reviewed. Ms. Claudia DeMarco, Associate Director presented to the board a brief outline regarding the College to Career program. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24th, 2012.

b) COMMUNITY AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Rendon-Christensen announced that 132 families were adopted and the Holiday Adopt A Family Program was a huge success. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2012.

c) SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY

Ms. Mock reported that the committee met on November 15th. Ms. Spiegel briefly reviewed with the committee the proposed site map for the HRC public website and Ms. Judy Wada updated the committee on the current budget situation. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

d) BOARD PLANNING

Ms. Sorel reported that the committee met on November 30, 2011. Ms. Sorel advised the board that the draft HRC Core Values was presented to the committee and will be presented to the Board at the March board meeting for review and approval. The next meeting is scheduled for February 29, 2012.

e) RETIREMENT

Mr. Bethel reviewed the following statements: Harbor Regional Center Retirement Plan Balances as of September 30, 2011, and the Harbor Regional Center Retirement Plan Performances.

f) ARCA

Mr. Sanz reported that the last meeting was on December 8th & 9th, 2011 in Ontario, which he and Ms. Del Monico attended. Mr. Sanz briefly reviewed with the board the topics which were discussed at the meeting and advised the board that the next meeting is scheduled in March.

g) HOPE

Mr. Irlen announced that HOPE's Executive Director, Nancy Bargmann resigned and HOPE is currently recruiting to fill the position. Ms. Denise Fanelli has been appointed acting Executive Director until the position can be filled. The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2012.

Mrs. Kinnebrew moved to accept the committee reports and Mr. Brower seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Colette Modore expressed her concern that statewide services and employment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted by: _____



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