



MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 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. La Velle Gates, Board Member
Mr. David Gauthier, Board Member
Mr. Jeffrey Herrera, Board Member
Mr. Bob Irlen, Board Advisor
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:

Ms. Patricia Jordan, 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. Antoinette Perez, Director of Children's Services
Ms. Cheryl Perez, Executive Assistant
Ms. Jennifer Lauro, Executive Assistant
Mr. Jesus Jimenez, Executive Team Assistant

GUESTS:

Mr. Tom Huey, Windes, Inc.
Mr. Jeffrey Carrick, Windes, Inc.
Diane Gregg, HRC Parent
Dan Gregg, HRC Parent
Kim Sinclair, HRC Parent
Mari-Anne Kehler, HRC Parent
Ms. Helen D'Ambrosio, HRC Parent
Ms. Tina Nathan, HRC Parent
Ms. Mariela Avila, HRC Parent
Ms. Maria Zavala, HRC Parent
Ms. Adriana Garcia, HRC Parent
Ms. Amelia Castellanos, HRC Parent
Ms. Sofia Cervantes, SCDD

CALL TO ORDER

Mr Sanz called the Board meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sana 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.

Mr. Sanz reminded Board members that our next Board meeting in February will be a training meeting in the Torrance Office.

Mr. Sanz announced that the June Board Retreat and Recognition Dinner will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019 in the Torrance Office from 9 am to 2 pm, followed by a recognition dinner. Details will be provided to the Board as the retreat date approaches.

Mr. Sanz advised that after the Treasurer's Report, Mr. LaVelle Gates, Chair of our Audit Committee will introduce the independent auditors so that they may present their report.

The MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2018 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 October 18; Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures, dated October 2018; Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, dated October 18; Harbor Regional Center POS Contract Summary, dated October 18; Harbor Regional Center Monthly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2018-19, dated November 2018; Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures, dated November 18; Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, dated November 18; the Harbor Regional Center POS Contract Summary, dated November 18.

AUDIT REPORT

Mr. LaVelle Gates, Chair of our Audit Committee advised that the Audit Committee had met with the independent auditors to review the draft report and then introduced Mr. Huey to the Board. Mr. Huey of Windes, Inc. presented to the Board the results of their audit of the Harbor Developmental Disabilities Foundation, Inc. for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The Board took the following action:

Mr. Bergmann moved to approve the Auditor's Report for Harbor Developmental Disabilities Foundation, Inc. and Mr. Czarske seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

1. HOLIDAY WRAP UP:

Ms. Del Monico thanked the Board and all contributors to the Harbor Help Fund. Their support allowed the purchase of \$40,000 worth of Target and Ralph's gift certificates that were given to our neediest families during the holidays.

2. FY 2018/19 BUDGET UPDATE:

Ms. Del Monico reviewed with the Board the first "POS Expenditure Projection" or (PEP) for 2018/19 that was completed in December and shows the first look at a statewide projection for the current fiscal year. Discussion followed.

3. LEGISLATIVE ANALYST REPORT 2019-20: CALIFORNIA'S FISCAL OUTLOOK:

Ms. Del Monico provided the Board with a lengthy summary of the Legislative's Analyst's "Fiscal Outlook" report. The report is an assessment of California's economic condition and is drafted to provide the Legislature with a planning document for budgeting purposes.

4. LEGISLATIVE VISITS:

Ms. Del Monico reminded the Board that regional centers and service providers are collaborating on an early effort to educate our legislators about our system's immediate need

for an 8% increase in reimbursement rates for services provided through our centers while we await the results of the rate study expected in March.

5. GOVERNOR’S BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FY 2019-20:

Ms. Del Monico called the Board’s attention to our new Governor’s inaugural address a link to which was provided in the Executive Report. Ms. Del Monico then referred the Board to the Governor’s Budget Highlights handout and briefly reviewed the main highlights with the Board. All noted with disappointment that the spending plan proposed for next fiscal year is a “stay in place” spending plan for regional centers and service providers who are struggling to meet the needs of clients as well as statutory and regulatory requirements while DDS adds 54 “system monitors” to its ranks. Discussion followed.

6. 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 also advised the Board and visitors that our staff will attend meetings of numerous parent groups as well as our Client Advisory and Service Provider Advisory Committees to present the data and to solicit input from all who attend. Ms. Del Monico encourages Board members and visitors to attend these public meetings.

7. DISPARITY PROPOSALS – PROGRESS REPORT:

Ms. Del Monico announced that DDS has postponed, again, the release of their decisions related to disparity grant awards and it appears likely more than 7 months of the fiscal year will have passed before they do so. We hope to advise the Board by our March meeting as to those HRC projects, if any, that have been selected for funding.

8. 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 Mary Hernandez will provide leadership for our next service review of “Licensed Living Options” starting in February. There will be a total of four meetings on this topic conducted with oversight of the Client Services Committee. The dates of these four meetings are posted on our website and we will continue to inform all those interested in participating through the HRC e-bulletin and social media.

9. CalABLE UPDATE:

Ms. Del Monico announced that CalABLE is officially up and running as of December 18, 2018 and informed those present that it is a Savings Plan that was mirrored after the 2014 federal Stephen Beck Jr. Achieving a Better Life Experience Act. Ms. Del Monico provided the Board with a brief summary of CalABLE and discussion followed. She encouraged those interested in learning more about the program to attend the informational meeting on this topic scheduled for the evening of January 31.

10. PRESENTATION:

Ms. Nancy Spiegel, Director of Information and Development, shared a video that HRC developed as part of our disparity efforts and that will be used for our community engagement meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ARCA

Mr. Czarske stated that he will be attending the ARCA meetings this week and will report on the topics under discussion at the March board meeting.

B. AUDIT

Mr. Gates additionally reported that the Audit Committee has selected a new auditor for next fiscal year; the new audit firm will be Aiello, Goodrich and Teuscher (AGT).

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 met on November 30, 2018 and were updated on the disparity projects currently underway and on HRC Proposals for continuation funding of existing projects.

E. CLIENT ADVISORY

Mr. Gauthier reported that the Client Advisory Committee met on November 17, 2018 and were updated on the Self-Determination and ABLE Act programs.

F. CLIENT SERVICES

In Ms. Jordan's absence, Ms. Del Monico advised that the committee discussed in detail the plan for the next scheduled service review on licensed living options.

G. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Dr. Sifuentes gave thanks to all who participated in HRC's annual Holiday Giving Program, which was very successful towards providing much needed gifts to our neediest families.

H. HOPE

Mr. Irlen stated that the HOPE Board is meeting at the end of January and he will provide an update at the March board meeting.

I. SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY

Mr. Sanz reported that there was no meeting in November as there were no new updates to review since the last meeting. Ms. Sanz advised that we will still hold informational meetings for families. Mr. Sanz indicated that he is hopeful more information will be available from the Department soon

J. SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY

Mr. Quiroz advised that the Service Provider Advisory Committee had provided a training for service providers about legislative advocacy in December and advised that the first meeting of the new year will be on February 5, 2019.

K. RETIREMENT

Dr. Flores informed the Board that the Retirement Plan Balances of the final quarter will be available and reported on at the March board meeting.

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 three (3) public comment forms had been received and he called upon those wishing to provide input. Comments included questions about the Governor's Budget, the HRC Board member selection process and child care options for children over the age of 12.

Mr. Sanz stated that our Board is very interested in all comments made by those present and listens carefully to them, but the Board is not prepared to provide a response at the time of the meeting. Mr. Sanz advised that presenters seeking information or some other response should leave their contact information and one of our staff will respond within the next few days.

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