



**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2017 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARBOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION, INC.**

**BOARD PRESENT:**

Mr. Ron Bergmann, Board Member  
Mr. Joe Czarske, Board Advisor  
Mr. Douglas Erber, Secretary  
Dr. James Flores, Treasurer  
Mr. La Velle Gates, Board Member  
Mr. David Gauthier, Board Advisor  
Mr. Jeffrey Herrera, Board Member  
Mr. Bob Irlen, Board Advisor  
Ms. Patricia Jordan, Board Member  
Ms. Terri Nishimura, Board Member  
Mr. John Rea, President  
Mr. Mariano Sanz, Board Member  
Dr. Monica Sifuentes, Board Member  
Ms. Kim Vuong, Board Member

**BOARD ABSENT:**

Mr. Fu-Tien Chiou, Board Member  
Mr. Jaime Martinez, Board Member  
Dr. Bobbie Rendon-Christensen, Vice-President

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ms. Patricia Del Monico, Executive Director  
Ms. Judy Wada, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Nancy Spiegel, Director of Information & Development  
Ms. Colleen Mock, Director of Community Services  
Ms. Mary Hernandez, Director of Adult Services  
Mr. Dave Bourdeau, Director of Information Technology  
Ms. Heather Shepherd, Director of Early Childhood Services  
Ms. Cheryl Perez, Executive Assistant  
Ms. Arelis Matos, Executive Assistant Team Assistant

**GUESTS:**

Mr. Tom Huey, Windes, Inc.  
Ms. Kaye Quintero, HRC Controller  
Mr. Barry Finley, Aide to Patricia Jordan  
Ms. Tatiana Orozco, Service Provider  
Ms. Judy Mark, Parent  
Mr. Christopher Arroyo, SCDD  
Ms. Denise Thornquest, DDS liaison  
Mr. Isidro Herrera, Parent  
Ms. Carrie Wetsch, Parent  
Ms. Mari-Anne Kehler, Parent  
Ms. Ronda Kopito, Parent  
Ms. Kim Sinclair, Parent  
Mr. Dwayne Sinclair, Parent  
Ms. Tracy Barrow, Parent  
Mrs. Kathy Seid-Eriksson, Parent  
Mr. Michael Eriksson, Parent  
Ms. Karen Cull, Parent  
Ms. Maria Lewis, Parent  
Mr. Fernando Gomez, Parent  
Ms. Sanaa Abuyounes, Parent  
Ms. Mary Carron, Parent  
Ms. Stephanie Baxter, Parent  
Ms. Bonnie Hickok  
Ms. Margaret Pawlowski, Parent  
Ms. Bobbie Hendrickson, Parent  
Ms. Laura Marie Calliham, Parent  
Ms. Kathy Dickson, Parent  
Ms. Nohemi Alcalá, Parent  
Ms. Deborah Hurwicz, Parent  
Ms. Alicia Cortez, Parent  
Ms. Maria Lopez, Parent  
Ms. Rubi Saldana, Parent

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Rea called the Board Meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Rea led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Rea welcomed current Board members, guests and staff and asked all to introduce themselves.

Mr. Rea announced that there will be an opportunity for the Board to receive comments from the public prior to the start of the regular business meeting. Mr. Rea requested that anyone present at the meeting in the public who wishes to address the Board during the public comment time complete the Public Comment Request form and submit it to the Executive Assistant.

Mr. Rea asked that the record reflect the Executive Committee of the Board met on January 3, 2017 to prepare the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Rea introduced Mr. Tom Huey, who is one of our independent auditors from Windes, Inc. who is in attendance to present their audit report. Mr. Rea invited Mr. Gates to proceed with a report from the Audit Committee early on the agenda in order to accommodate our independent auditors' schedules.

## **AUDIT REPORT**

Mr. Gates 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, 2016. As visitors to the meeting did not have an opportunity to review the report there was a question as to whether it would be permissible to take action to approve it. Mr. Rea advised that executive staff would review the requirements and, if needed, the report would be presented again for action at the March meeting. In the meanwhile the Board took the following action:

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

## **PUBLIC INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Rea 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 beginning of each Board meeting. Up to 20 minutes are scheduled for the Board to receive comments from those in the audience and we request each person wishing to address the Board to restrict their comment to 2 minutes in order to accommodate everyone.

Mr. Rea indicated that eleven (11) public comment forms had been received and he called upon those wishing to provide input. Each of those who did so read directly from a document, titled, 'Harbor Regional Center Positioning Paper on Constituency Concerns and Issues, January 2017' which they drafted and submitted to the Board. Those who presented requested that their paper be attached to the minutes of this meeting and the Board agreed to do so.

Mr. Rea 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. Rea 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.

### **SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Erber advised that the Board reviewed the September 20, 2016 minutes and believes they are accurate. They do indicate that no public comments were presented during the time set aside for public comment; however, comments made by the public at that meeting took place during the Board Planning Committee report on the draft performance plan and are so noted as part of the Board Planning Committee Report in the September 20, 2016 minutes.

Therefore, Mr. Erber requested approval of the September 20, 2016 minutes as originally presented and as included in the Board materials for tonight's meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 BOARD MEETING**  
**Mr. Gates moved to approve the SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 minutes of the Board meeting and Ms. Nishimura seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.**

### **NOVEMBER 15, 2016 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Erber presented and requested approval of the minutes of our November 15, 2016 meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2016 BOARD MEETING**  
**Mr. Sanz moved to approve the NOVEMBER 15, 2016 minutes of the Board meeting and Ms. Sifuentes seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Dr. Flores reviewed the following financial statements: Harbor Regional Center Monthly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2016-17, dated October 16; Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures, dated October 16; Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, dated October 16; Harbor Regional Center POS Contract Summary, dated October 16; Harbor Regional Center Monthly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2016-17, dated November 16; Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures, dated November 16; Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, dated November 16; Harbor Regional Center POS Contract Summary, dated November 16;

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

### **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

#### **1. CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:**

Ms. Del Monico informed the Board that the first Sufficiency of Allocation Report (SOAR) for 2016/17 was completed in December. Ms. Del Monico referred the Board to the Sufficiency of Allocation Report provided in their Board packet and indicated that it provided our first look at a statewide projection for the current fiscal year.

#### **2. LEGISLATIVE ANALYST REPORT: 2017/18 CALIFORNIA'S FISCAL OUTLOOK:**

Ms. Del Monico called the Board's attention to the Legislative Analyst's Office annual report on the state's fiscal outlook provided in their Board packet and summarized key points of the report. The material was reviewed with the Board and discussion followed.

**3. GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FY 2017-18:**

Ms. Del Monico referred the Board to a handout provided at tonight's meeting. The handout is the Governor's proposed spending plan for Fiscal Year 2017-18. Ms. Del Monico summarized program highlights including proposed Trailer Bill Language (TBL) with the Board and discussion followed.

**4. MEDICAID QUESTIONS POST-ELECTION:**

Ms. Del Monico shared information with the Board concerning potential changes to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Medicaid funding. She advised that the new administration in Washington supports a repeal of the ACA and a Medicaid block grant, which leads to substantial uncertainty about the impact on regional center clients. Ms. Del Monico informed the Board that we will continue to watch the proposals for change to the ACA and Medicaid and will provide information as it becomes available.

**5. PURCHASE OF SERVICE EXPENDITURE DATA:**

Ms. Del Monico reported that the Lanterman Act requires that the California Department of Developmental Services and all Regional Centers compile and distribute information regarding the purchase of regional center services by age, diagnosis, ethnicity, language and living arrangement. Harbor Regional Center will hold our annual community meetings in March to present the data and to solicit input from those who attend. There will be two sessions, one in Torrance on Thursday, March 23, 2017 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and one in the Long Beach Office on Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Both sessions will have capacity for translation into Spanish. Ms. Del Monico encouraged Board members to attend one of these sessions, if possible.

**6. CALIFORNIA ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (CalABLE):**

Ms. Del Monico called the Board's attention to CalABLE – a new program that will allow people with disabilities to establish a tax-advantaged ABLE account that allows them to save up to \$14,000 (currently) per year and up to \$100,000 in total without losing vital public benefits such as SSI or SSDI. Harbor Regional Center will have a special presentation on CalABLE by Christina Elliott, the Executive Director of the CalABLE Board at HRC on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Ms. Del Monico referred the Board to CalABLE's website: <http://treasurer.ca.gov/able/> for more information about it.

**7. EMPLOYMENT:**

Ms. Del Monico advised the Board that the state of California has made a commitment to increase "Competitive Integrated Employment" (CIE) opportunities for individuals with ID/DD. The California Department of Education, Department of Rehabilitation and Department of Developmental Services have worked together to create an interagency plan utilizing available resources to increase opportunities for individuals with ID/DD to prepare for and engage in CIE and to reduce reliance upon subminimum

wage jobs and segregated work settings. Ms. Del Monico referred the Board to the California CIE Blueprint for Change document provided in their Board packet

**8. HOLIDAY GIVING:**

Ms. Del Monico thanked those Board members who have adopted a needy HRC family for the holidays and those who have made a contribution to the Help Fund. The Board's generosity and kindness is most appreciated and we received many expressions of gratitude to you and to all contributors. Ms. Del Monico shared a story of one of our HRC families who has been generously adopting families each year since their son became an HRC client some years ago. In the summer they provided a back to school event with backpacks, uniforms, supplies and more. This holiday they hosted a party for nine families of all ages and they provided gifts for each family member and dinner.

**Dr. Flores moved to approve the Executive Report and Dr. Sifuentes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. AUDIT**

Mr. Gates reported that the Committee met on December 2, 2016 to review the draft audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2015-16 which Mr. Tom Huey of Windes, Inc. independent auditors reported on earlier in the meeting.

**B. BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Rea referred the Board to the handout provided and requested that Board members choose a Saturday date in June for this year's retreat meeting and recognition dinner. Mr. Rea requested that Board members to complete the form and return it at the end of tonight's meeting.

**C. BOARD PLANNING**

Mr. Bergmann informed that the Board Planning Committee met on December 2, 2016 and discussed Harbor Regional Center's Diversity Plan, prepared and presented by Ms. Erika Braxton-White, HRC's Manager of Diversity and Inclusion. Ms. Spiegel also reported that the committee continued working on Performance Plan activities.

**D. CLIENT ADVISORY**

Mr. Gauthier advised that the committee met on November 19, 2016 and members were updated on the November Client Advisory Committee meeting in DDS, on the self-determination program. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2017 at HRC Torrance.

**E. CLIENT SERVICES**

Ms. Jordan advised that the Client Services Committee did not meet in November and December, but will have a meeting at the end of this month and will report at the March meeting.

**F. COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Dr. Sifuentes thanked everyone that contributed to the Holiday Giving Campaign.

**G. SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY**

Ms. Nishimura reported that the committee met on December 6, 2016 and participated in a presentation on social media by Daniel Savino of ARCA. The committee was also updated on the CMS-HCBS, self-determination and legislative informational activities.

**H. RETIREMENT**

Dr. Flores reviewed with the Board the Retirement report that was included in their packet prior to the meeting.

**I. ARCA**

Mr. Czarske summarized the matters discussed at the December ARCA meetings that took place in Sacramento and advised that the next ARCA meetings would take place later in the week.

**J. HOPE (Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment)**

Mr. Irlen announced that HOPE is now focused on acquiring more properties and conducting more fundraising.

**K. SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY**

Mr. Sanz reported that the committee met on January 11, 2017 and discussed the pre-enrollment process and the fact that there is still uncertainty and delay in the SDP application process with the federal government. The next meeting will be on February 8, 2017.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Rea adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Doug Erber, Secretary  
Harbor Developmental Disabilities  
Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees