



MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARBOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION, INC.

BOARD PRESENT:

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

BOARD ABSENT:

Mr. La Velle Gates, Board Member
Dr. Bobbie Rendon-Christensen, Board Member
Ms. Latisha Taylor, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Patricia Del Monico, Executive Director
Ms. Judy Wada, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Nancy Spiegel, Director of Information & Development
Mr. Vincente Miles, Director of Community Services
Ms. LaWanna Blair, Director of Early Childhood Services
Ms. Antoinette Perez, Director of Children's Services
Ms. Elizabeth Stroh, Interim Director of Adult Services
Ms. Cheryl Perez, Executive Assistant
Ms. Jennifer Lauro, Executive Assistant
Mr. Jesus Jimenez, Executive Team Assistant

GUESTS:

Ms. Sofia Cervantes, SCDD
Ms. Raquel Brizuela, HRC Parent
Ms. Amelia Castellanos, HRC Parent
Ms. Maria Zavala, HRC Parent
Ms. Celia Pena, HRC Parent
Ms. Mariela Avila Garcia, HRC Parent
Ms. Juliana Martinez, HRC Parent
Ms. Paula Martinez, HRC Parent
Ms. Vianey Gomes, HRC Parent
Ms. Ketty Cuba Tanaka, HRC Parent

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Mr. Czarske 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. Czarske congratulated Board Member Kim Vuong on her appointment by Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia and the Long Beach City Council to the Long Beach Citizens' Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

Mr. Czarske also appointed Kim Vuong to serve as the Chair of the Client Services Committee. Kim will step in for Board Member David Gauthier, who will remain Chair of the Client Advisory Committee and also as a member of several other HRC Committees, including the Self-

Determination Advisory Committee.

Mr. Czarske reminded Board members that the October meeting of the Board will be a training meeting and the next regular business meeting that will be open to the public will be on November 19, 2019 at our Torrance Office.

The MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2019 BOARD MEETING were presented by Fu-Tien Chiou. There were no questions and the minutes were received and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE REPORT

1. INTRODUCING HRC'S NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Ms. Del Monico announced the appointment of Vincente Miles to the position of Director of Community Services. Ms. Del Monico informed the Board of Mr. Miles's many years of experience and expertise in the field as well as his deep commitment to the service of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

2. 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 June 2019.

3. CURRENT YEAR BUDGET UPDATE:

Ms. Del Monico briefly reviewed the first amendment to the A-1 contract with the Board. Discussion followed.

4. BUDGET TRAILER BILL PROVISIONS:

Ms. Del Monico provided a summary of the DDS Trailer Bill Memo that sets forth each of the Trailer Bill provisions in summary format followed by instructions from DDS as to their expectations related to implementation of the provisions.

5. DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES TASK FORCE UPDATE:

Ms. Del Monico updated the Board on the activities of the Developmental Services Task Force and briefly explained the specific issues the DS Task Force is forming workgroups to explore. Discussion followed.

6. ARCA-SPONSORED SENATE BILL 412 IS "DEAD": NO REPEAL OF FCPP OR AFPF:

Ms. Del Monico advised that the Assembly Appropriations Committee “held” SB 412, a bill to repeal two parental fee programs the Family Cost Participation Program (FCPP) and Annual Family Program Fee (AFPF) which results in the bill’s fatality. Discussion followed.

7. ASSEMBLY SELECT COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT:

Ms. Del Monico referred the Board to the Early Childhood Report released by the California Assembly Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood Education, which recommends systemic changes to improve Early Start and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) services throughout California. Ms. Del Monico shared that ARCA provided a letter of support for the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission which sets forth the challenges to implementation that a lack of funding presents.

8. DDS REPORTS:

Ms. Del Monico reviewed two reports on “regional center performance” released by DDS in accordance with new “transparency” requirements. One report reviewed was on the status of each regional center’s implementation of the Self-Determination Program and another was on the status of each regional center’s implementation of both the Paid Internship Program and the Competitive Integrated Employment Program over the past three fiscal years. Discussion followed.

9. IN THE NEWS:

Ms. Del Monico called the Board’s attention to three recent news articles regarding Autism, Subminimum Wage and Wheelchair Users access to Lyft and or Uber Rides.

10. HOLIDAY GIVING:

Ms. Del Monico announced that HRC will soon begin our campaign to provide food and gifts to needy families during the holidays and requested the Board approve a gift from the Harbor Help Fund in the amount of \$40,000 with which we will purchase food certificates from Ralphs and gift certificates from Target. Ms. Del Monico thanked the Board in advance for their thoughtfulness and kind generosity as we try to ensure that our neediest families will have a joyous holiday season.

Mr. Gauthier moved to approve a donation of \$40,000 from the Harbor Help Fund to purchase food and gift certificates to donate to HRC clients/families and Mr. Sanz seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

11. AFFORDABLE HOUSING/HOPE:

Ms. Del Monico informed the Board that HOPE has opened another small apartment building with help from many donors, especially the City of Long Beach, which contributed more than \$1 million to the project. Seven HRC clients will reside in this new building with Supported Living Services provided (Mentor) maintaining a 24 hour/day presence on site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ARCA

Mr. Czarske provided an update on the August ARCA meetings held at HRC.

B. AUDIT

In Mr. Gates absence, Ms. Wada reported that the Committee met at length with the new auditors, AGT. Ms. Wada advised that AGT has begun working on the 2018-19 audit, which will be presented to the Board at the January meeting.

C. BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Sanz stated that the Board Development Committee did not meet and there is nothing to report at this time.

D. BOARD PLANNING

Ms. Vuong reported that the Committee reviewed and completed the Year-End Progress Report for our 2020 Performance Plan. Ms. Spiegel presented the draft 2020 Performance Plan to the Board and summarized the various meetings she has held to share the draft plan with the public. No comments or questions were made by the public and Mr. Czarske requested a motion for the Board to accept the 2020 Harbor Regional Center Performance Plan.

Mr. Sanz moved to accept the 2020 Harbor Regional Center Performance Plan and Mr. Bergmann seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

E. CLIENT ADVISORY

Mr. Gauthier reported that committee last met on August 17, 2019 and were given a presentation on Cal ABLE, and updates on the self-determination program.

F. CLIENT SERVICES

Ms. Blair advised that the Client Services Committee will resume meeting on September 24, 2019 after a summer hiatus, and will discuss with the committee topics for the next service review to begin in January.

G. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Dr. Sifuentes deferred to Ms. Spiegel who shared the date and details of the upcoming event “What’s Happening at Harbor: Coffee and Conversation” as well as the flyer for Holidays are for Sharing campaign.

H. HOPE

Mr. Irlen reminded the Board about the November 4, 2019 annual Golf Tournament and encouraged all to participate.

I. RETIREMENT

Mr. Chiou reported on the Harbor Regional Center Retirement Plan Balances as of June 30, 2019.

J. SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY

Mr. Sanz and Ms. Perez updated the Board on the current status of the program.

K. SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY

Mr. Quiroz reported that the committee met on August 6, 2019 and were given DDS and Budget updates.

PUBLIC INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Czarske 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.

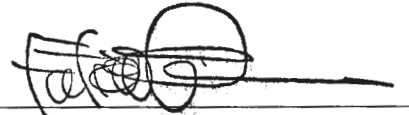
Mr. Czarske indicated that three (3) public comment forms had been received and he called upon those wishing to provide comment.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Submitted by:



Fu-Tien Chiou, Secretary
Harbor Developmental Disabilities
Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees