



MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2015 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARBOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION, INC.

BOARD PRESENT:

Mr. George Bird, Board Member
Mr. Fu-Tien Chiou, Secretary
Mr. Joe Czarske, ARCA Representative
Mr. Douglas Erber, Treasurer
Dr. James Flores, Board Member
Mr. David Gauthier, Board Member
Mr. Robert Irlen, Board Advisor
Ms. Patricia Jordan, Board Member
Mr. John Rea, Past President
Mr. Mariano Sanz, Vice President
Dr. Monica Sifuentes, Board Member

BOARD ABSENT:

Ms. Kristine Engels, Board Member
Ms. Karen Kinnebrew, President
Mr. Marvin Malito, Board Member
Dr. Bobbie Rendon-Christensen, Board Member
Ms. Wendy Sorel, Board Member
Ms. Claudia Villanuevas, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Patricia Del Monico, Executive Director
Ms. Claudia DeMarco, Associate Director
Ms. Judy Wada, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Nancy Spiegel, Director, Info. & Dev.
Ms. Colleen Mock, Director, Community Services
Ms. Mary Hernandez, Director of Adolescent & Adult Services
Mr. Jahn Rokicki, Director of Children Services
Ms. Jennifer Lauro, Executive Assistant

GUESTS:

Mr. Christopher Arroyo, SCDD L.A. Office, Area Board 10
Mr. Mead Duley, HRC Client
Ms. Yetunde Oshodi, HRC Counselor
Ms. Johanna Duran, HRC Counselor
Ms. Wendy Rodriguez, HRC Counselor
Ms. Grace Ahn, HRC Counselor
Ms. Robin Rue, HRC Counselor
Mr. Barry Finley, Aide to Patricia Jordan

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sanz called the Board Meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sanz welcomed Board members, guests and staff.

Mr. Sanz invited the Board members and guests to introduce themselves.

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

Mr. Sanz asked that the record reflect that the Executive Committee met on March 3, 2015 to prepare the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Sanz informed the board that HRC will be giving a presentation of its Demographic and Expenditure Data on March 24, 2015 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm at the Torrance Office in Room A1 and from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Long Beach Office in LB1. Spanish translation will be available at both

presentations. Mr. Sanz encouraged board members to attend.

Mr. Sanz reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a training meeting.

Mr. Sanz announced that the annual Board Retreat and Recognition Dinner will occur on Saturday, May 30, 2015. The Retreat will be held at either the Torrance or Long Beach sites and the Recognition Dinner will be held at the Ocean Room in the Portofino Hotel in Redondo Beach. Retreat details are forthcoming.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Mead Duley, an HRC Client announced that he would be participating in a basketball tournament and invited board members to attend in encouragement. Mr. Duley also expressed his excitement in HRC's participation of the World Games and requested to participate for Fans in the Stands.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2015 BOARD MEETING. Mr. Czarske moved to accept the JANUARY 20, 2015 minutes of the Board meeting, and Mr. Erber seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Erber reviewed the following financial statements: The Harbor Developmental Disabilities Foundation Harbor Help Fund Statement of Income and Expense for the date October 1 to December 31, 2014; The Harbor Regional Center Monthly Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2014-15 dated Dec. 2014; the Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures, dated Dec. 2014 and Jan. 2015; the Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, dated Dec. 2014 and Jan. 2015; and the Harbor Regional Center POS Contract Summary, dated Dec. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

Mr. Chiou moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for Harbor Regional Center and Mr. Czarske seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

1. CURRENT YEAR BUDGET STATUS:

Ms. Del Monico reviewed with the board the most recent Sufficiency of Allocation Report for all twenty-one regional centers for the current fiscal year based upon expenditures through December, 2014. The report indicated that centers are still showing a need for about \$300 million to cover expenditures through June. However, as Ms. Del Monico advised at the last board meeting, future contract amendments are expected to be enough to cover the current projected shortfall as DDS has remaining funds to allocate and has also requested authority for additional funds through the Governor's Budget.

2. LAO ANALYSIS OF THE HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET PROPOSED FOR FY 2015-16:

Ms. Del Monico advised the board about the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) role to analyze and make recommendations concerning the Governor's proposed spending plan.

Ms. Del Monico reviewed highlighted pages of the report that are specific to the LAO recommending closure of Fairview and Sonoma Developmental Centers within the next 10 years. Ms. Del Monico will continue to keep the board advised to this matter.

3. BUDGET YEAR ADVOCACY:

Ms. Del Monico called the board's attention to the Lanterman Coalition's continuing campaign with ARCA for a 10% increase for regional centers' direct and purchased services in budgeting and rate reform. Ms. Del Monico referred the board to a number of documents that were prepared by ARCA and given to our elected officials to assist them with background information on the critical need for reform. Also reviewed and discussed were two additional documents and recent correspondence initiated by Senator Beall urging elected officials to support a 10% increase in the regional center operations and purchase of services budgets. Ms. Del Monico thanked everyone who participated with HRC staff and service providers who visited local legislators to help educate them about our critical need for attention to funding and rate reform for California's developmental service system and continued to seek their support for the 10% increase.

4. ARC/UCP LAWSUIT UPDATE:

Ms. Del Monico informed the Board that the federal district court made a ruling on the ARC/UCP lawsuit and summarized the ruling for the board. Ms. Del Monico explained that the ruling reversed the "uniform holiday schedule" and the "half-day billing rule" put in place in 2009 and impacting both clients and service providers. Further, DDS has indicated it will not appeal this decision and therefore will not continue to impose reductions on service providers related to the "uniform holiday schedule" and the "half-day billing rule".

5. CALIFORNIA STATE AUDIT OF THE PARENTAL FEE PROGRAM:

Ms. Del Monico provided the board with summarized findings from the California State Audit of the parental fee program which is a program that assesses and collects fees based on parent's ability to pay for any children they may have under the age of 18 with developmental disabilities that require 24-hour out-of-home care. Ms. Del Monico indicated that HRC only has a hand full of families that are affected by this program, but will continue to keep the board informed to the extent the plan will affect regional centers and our families.

6. EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE:

Ms. Del Monico advised the board that the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the Department of Education (CDE) in collaboration with Disability Rights California (DRC) have joined together to create a plan promoting integrated competitive employment (ICE) for working age individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Ms. Del Monico referred the board to the MOU provided in the board packet concerning this employment initiative.

7. SELF DETERMINATION APPLICATION UPDATE:

Ms. Del Monico announced that the self-determination application was submitted but then stalled to allow the Department time to obtain additional and new input from other

sources. When the time comes that the Department has completed all requirements, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will consider the self-determination application. Ms. Del Monico stated that it is anticipated the application will go through one or more iterations before it is finally accepted and this is likely to occur late in the current calendar year or early next year. Ms. Del Monico will continue to update the board on the self-determination application status as well as the various activities underway to educate our community about this new program.

8. PURCHASE OF SERVICE EXPENDITURE DATA

Ms. Del Monico reminded the Board that regional centers are required to compile information regarding purchase of services expenditures and to share this information with those interested annually. Accordingly, Harbor Regional Center will have a presentation of its Demographic and Expenditure Data on March 24, 2015 from 3:00-4:30 pm at the Torrance Office in Room A1 and from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Long Beach Office in LB1. Spanish translation will be available at both meetings and Ms. Del Monico encouraged Board members to attend one of these sessions.

9. STATEWIDE DEMOGRAPHIC DATA:

Ms. Del Monico provided the board with information on the Department of Developmental Services compilation of demographic data on all clients served by the regional centers and attached a booklet in the board packet for those interested.

10. PRESENTATION:

Mr. Jahn Rokicki, Director of Children's Services presented the board with data about our intake activity.

Mr. Bird moved to approve the Executive Report and Mr. Gauthier seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. AUDIT

In Ms. Sorel's absence, Ms. Wada advised that the Audit Committee had nothing to report at this meeting.

B. BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Bird advised that the committee met on February 26, 2015 to continue the process of reviewing and interviewing candidates for the Board. Interviews of additional candidates will take place in April and the Committee will be prepared to recommend several candidates at the May annual meeting to take the seats of retiring Trustees starting in July. At the next meeting, the committee will discuss the re-election of board members whose terms are expiring and who are eligible to run for another term and will also discuss the creation of a slate of officers for next fiscal year. Lastly, Mr. Bird announced that the annual board retreat and recognition dinner will be on Saturday, May 30, 2015 with location details forthcoming.

C. CLIENT ADVISORY

In Mr. Malito's absence, Ms. Mock advised that the committee met on February 28, 2015 and had an update on regional center budgeting process, and discussed CAC Outreach efforts and HRC's participation as volunteers in the World Games. CAC is scheduled to meet next on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at HRC Long Beach Office.

D. CLIENT SERVICES

Mr. Chiou reported that the committee met on February 24, 2015 and discussed again a draft of a new HRC Service Policy on Employment First. After making several modifications to the draft, the committee agreed to recommend to the Board adoption of this policy as modified. The committee also continued discussion regarding the 2016 health and wellness fair for our adult clients and had continued discussion on the results of the National Core Indicators focusing on those health areas in which our clients are below the state average. The committee is scheduled to meet next on March 24, 2015.

Mr. Chiou moved to adopt the Harbor Regional Center Service Policy on Employment First as presented and Mr. Bird seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

E. COMMUNITY & FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Spiegel advised that the committee met on March 6, 2015 and reviewed Holiday Funds raised in 2014 totaling \$40,586. The committee also announced that HRC has begun recruitment for "Fans in the Stands" in support of the 2015 World Games taking place in July and August. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2015.

F. SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY

In Ms. Engels absence, Ms. Mock reported that the committee met on January 20, 2015 and had a presentation about HRC's Assistive Technology Lab. The committee also discussed updates on HRC hosting a legislative reception to represent the South Bay Assembly members, on the CMS-HCBS Waiver and on the Self-Determination Program. The committee met earlier today and will report back at the May board meeting.

G. BOARD PLANNING

In Ms. Sorel's absence, Ms. Spiegel said that the committee met on January 30, 2015 and discussed and reviewed the Performance Plan, the 2014 Summary of Year-End Progress on Outcomes and also discussed a prevention initiative involving the developmental screening of young children and concluded with planning on various legislative advocacy efforts. The committee is scheduled to meet again on April 24, 2015.

H. RETIREMENT

Mr. Czarske reviewed the Harbor Regional Center Retirement Plan Balances as of 12-31-14 and the Harbor Regional Center Retirement Plan Performance Sheet.

I. ARCA

Mr. Czarske reported on the January 7, 2015 ARCA Equity Committee Research Proposal and the October, 2014 draft minutes. Mr. Czarske advised that he would be

attending the March ARCA meetings on March 19 and 20 and would report at the May board meeting.

J. HOPE (Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment)

Mr. Irlen reported that HOPE continues to expand and that the City of Norwalk has provided an additional grant for the purchase of more homes in that area. These additional homes will provide affordable housing for HRC clients in supported living. Mr. Irlen also reported that HOPE's major focus now is to expand fundraising efforts and is currently planning a Casino Night on June 6, 2015. Information and details will follow.

K. INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

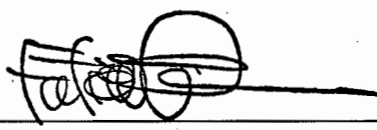
Mr. Erber reported that the council's efforts of the last year have been on strategic planning for early start and to find ways to assist DDS in getting information regarding early start out to the public. The committee is scheduled to meet again in April and Mr. Erber will report back at the May board meeting.

Mr. Gauthier moved to accept the committee reports and Mr. Chiou seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sanz adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by: _____


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