

# MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 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. La Velle Gates, Board Member Mr. Jeffrey Herrera, Board Member Ms. Ann Lee, Ph.D, Board Member Ms. Paul Quiroz, Board Member Dr. Bobbie Rendon-Christensen, Board Member Dr. Monica Sifuentes, Board Member Ms. Latisha Taylor, Board Member Ms. Kim Vuong, Board Member

## **BOARD ABSENT:**

Mr. David Gauthier, Board Member Mr. Bob Irlen, Board Advisor Mr. Christopher Patay, Board Member Mr. Mariano Sanz, *Vice-President* 

# **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. LaWanna Blair, Director of Early Childhood 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:**

Ms. Josephina Cunningham, HRC Client Services Manager Mr. Bjoern Petersen, HRC Client Services Manager Ms. Erika Godoy, HRC Client Services Manager Mr. Erika Segovia, HRC Community Outreach Specialist Ms. Jessica Mink, HRC Client Services Manager Ms. Patricia Piceno, HRC Client Services Manager Ms. Judy Taimi, HRC Client Services Manager Ms. Mary Hernandez, DDS Ms. Jaclyn Balanay, DDS Ms. Sofia Cervantes, SCDD Mr. Mead Duley, HRC Client Ms. Mari-Anne Kehler, HRC Parent Ms. Kim Sinclair, HRC Parent Ms. Raquel Brizuela, HRC Parent Ms. Maria Zavala. HRC Parent Ms. Amelia Castellanos, HRC Parent Ms. Adriana Garcia, HRC Parent Ms. Vianey Gomes, HRC Parent Ms. Maricela Madrigal, HRC Parent Ms. Maria De Santiago, HRC Parent Ms. Juliana Martinez, HRC Parent Ms. Mariela Avila Garcia, HRC Parent

# CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Czarske called the Board meeting to order at 6:40 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 with a special welcome to our new Board members Latisha Taylor and Ann Lee.

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 thanked those Board members who attended our annual Board Retreat and Recognition Dinner that took place on June 8. Mr. Czarske thanked Antoinette Perez and 24 Hour Home Care for an excellent presentation on the Self-Determination Program.

Mr. Czarske reminded Board members that there is no board meeting in August. The next board meeting is on September 17, 2019 at the Long Beach Office.

Mr. Czarske announced the appointment of Board Member Chairs of the various Board committees for Fiscal Year 2019/20 as follows:

- ARCA Chairperson Joseph Czarske
- Audit Chairperson LaVelle Gates
- Board Development Mariano Sanz
- Board Planning TBD
- Client Advisory David Gauthier
- Client Services TBD
- Community Relations Dr. Monica Sifuentes
- Retirement Fu-Tien Chiou

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

## 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 April 19; Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures, dated April 2019; Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, dated April 19; Harbor Regional Center POS Contract Summary, dated April 19; Harbor Regional Center Monthly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2018-19, dated May 2019; Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures, dated May 19; Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, dated May 19 and the Harbor Regional Center POS Contract Summary, dated May 19.

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

## 1. <u>FY 2018/19 BUDGET UPDATE:</u>

Ms. Del Monico referred the Board to the "POS Expenditure Projection" or (PEP) for 2018/19 based upon expenditures through April 2019. Discussion followed.

## 2. ENACTED BUDGET FOR FY 2019-20:

Ms. Del Monico informed that Governor Newsom signed the State Budget Bill on June 27, 2019, however the Budget Act excluded major provisions that regional centers, service providers, clients and families in the developmental services system should have benefited from. Discussion followed.

## 3. BUDGET TRAILER BILL PROPOSALS:

Ms. Del Monico provided a summary of the key trailer bill provisions related to regional centers and our clients. Discussion followed.

## 4. STATE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER UPDATE:

Ms. Del Monico advised that Fairview and Porterville State Developmental Centers are scheduled for closure by December of this year and have a combined total of 80 individuals still residing inside, but those individuals will be ready for the transition out by the end of the year.

## 5. PREVENTATIVE SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM:

Ms. Del Monico called the Board's attention to the California State Auditor's published audit report regarding the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) oversight of the delivery of preventative services to children in the California Medical Assistance Program (Medi-Cal). Discussion followed.

## 6. <u>CASELOAD RATIOS:</u>

Ms. Del Monico referred the Board to the three separate attachments in the Board packet regarding caseload ratios for regional centers, for DDS and for HRC. A draft response to HRC's caseload status has been prepared and we are currently seeking any comments or other input at which time we will post on our website and submit to DDS.

# 7. <u>CONTRACT APPROVAL:</u>

The Lanterman Act requires that any regional center contract which exceeds \$250,000 be approved by the regional center board. Typically our clinical contracts are in excess of the threshold amount so we are requesting your approval for our clinical service contract. Ms. Del Monico referred the Board and visitors to the contract for approval as follows:

The Columbus Organization Contract Period: July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 Projected annual amount: not to exceed \$1,620,000.00

Description of Services: Professional Services

Dr. Bobbie Rendon-Christensen moved to approve the Purchase of Service Contract for Professional Services, in the projected annual amount and not to exceed \$1,620,000.000 and Mr. Quiroz seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

## 8. INSURANCE SCHEDULE:

Ms. Del Monico referred the Board to the annual schedule of all HRC insurance coverage, including information concerning type of coverage, coverage limits and annual premiums and Ms. Judy Wada reviewed the insurance schedule with the Board.

## 9. 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 provider (Ambitions) maintaining a 24 hour/day presence on site. Photos of the grand opening were shown to the Board and visitors.

#### 10. PRESENTATION:

Ms. Antoinette Perez made a brief presentation about HRC's many community engagement activities over the last few months.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### A. <u>ARCA</u>

Mr. Czarske provided an update on the June ARCA meetings, which continued its focus on strategic planning, priorities and goals.

## B. <u>AUDIT</u>

Mr. Gates informed that the new auditors, AGT will start in September where the audit committee will meet with them to begin preparing for the 2018-19 audit.

#### C. BOARD DEVELOPMENT

In Mr. Sanz absence, Ms. Del Monico advised that the Board Development Committee will pick up activity again in September.

#### D. BOARD PLANNING

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

## E. CLIENT ADVISORY

In Mr. Gauthier's absence, it was reported that committee last met on May 18, 2019 and mainly discussed self-determination status, committee elections and community outreach.

## F. CLIENT SERVICES

Ms. Del Monico provided an update on the final meeting of the licensed living options service review and indicated that the committee will take a summer hiatus and start with a new service review in October.

## G. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Dr. Sifuentes deferred to Ms. Spiegel who shared how the committee members have actively advocated with our legislators for budget increases to our service system.

## H. HOPE

In Mr. Irlen's absence, HOPE Board Member Mead Duley announced that the new property on Redondo in Long Beach had its open house on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### I. <u>RETIREMENT</u>

Ms. Wada stated that quarterly reports for June 30<sup>th</sup> will be presented that the September Board meeting.

#### J. SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY

In Mr. Sanz's absence, Ms. Perez advised that the committee has not met since June, but held a resource event this past Saturday, which was a good turnout. Ms. Perez also informed that the program is moving along and in the final phase of training families.

#### K. SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY

Mr. Quiroz reported that the committee's main focus was on the Rate Study and Self-Determination.

#### **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 two (2) 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