



South Central Los Angeles  
Regional Center  
*for persons with developmental disabilities, inc.*

**Approved**

**SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**March 24, 2015**

**7:00pm – 9:00pm**

President, Ana Da Silva opened the **March 24, 2015 Board Meeting** with roll call and introductions:

**Members Present:**

Lisa M. Sanchez  
Ana Da Silva  
Dora Evans  
Alyssa Jackson

Diana Ugalde  
Teyanna Williams  
Sandra Casado  
Karen Washington

Mireya Romero  
Alfredo Farfan  
Veronica Moser

**Members Absent:**

Lara Okunubi

Michelle Rappino

Mark Grimes

**Staff Present:**

Dexter Henderson  
Marsha Mitchell

Reuben Lee  
Deanna Corbin

Roy Doronila  
Maria Figueroa

President, Ana Da Silva requested the board's approval of the **January 27, 2015 Board Minutes** as presented.

**BOARD ACTION:**

**To Approve SCLARC Board Minutes of January 27, 2015**

**M/S/C: K. Washington/A. Farfan/Unanimous**

**SCLARC BOARD MEMBERSHIP** - Dexter Henderson

Mr. Henderson did not have a membership update, however, he did mention that the two prospective board members he looked into, no longer lived in our catchment area. SCLARC currently has three vacant seats so, our search continues.

**AGENCY DIRECTORS REPORTS**

**BUDGET UPDATE & FINANCE REPORT** – Roy Doronila

Roy Doronila presented the **POS Expenditure Projection Report**, the **Statement of Revenue and Expenditures**, and the **Balance Sheet**. The following financial highlights were reported to the board:

The *POS Expenditure Projection Report* indicates the agency has maintained its projections of total POS in the amount of \$142,273,711. This is \$6,800 higher than the prior month.

The *Statement of Revenue and Expenditure Report* shows the agency spent 68.7% of our allocation in POS and 55.7% in Operations within 58% of the year. SCLARC is projecting a deficit of \$3,948,858, mainly due to not receiving all of our allocation for the fiscal year. As for CPP we are projecting a \$295,324 deficit for the same reason. On the other hand, we are projecting a balance budget in Operations, in which we are projecting to spend a total \$25,536,927.

The *Balance Sheet* shows that as of December 31, 2014 the agency has \$15,316,803 in cash balance. This is \$5,486,891 lower than the prior year. However we have a higher state claim receivable amount. This means that State was slow in reimbursing our monthly claims. Meanwhile, our vendor accounts payable went up by \$1,229,592 to \$11,952,982.

**BOARD ACTION:**

**To Approve SCLARC's Financial Reports as of February 28, 2015**

**M/S/C: V. Moser/ S. Casado/ Unanimous**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS REPORT** – Marsha Mitchell

Ms. Mitchell reported that SCLARC held two town hall meetings where approximately 60 stakeholders attended each meeting. The first meeting was held at Rio Hondo Golf Course in Downey on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The second town hall meeting was held at SCLARC on March 13. In addition to the POS, was the difference in data that we are required by the state to explain, discuss and answer questions in depth with our public. SCLARC also gave an update on the current budget as it stands before going into the May revised budget.

Bruce Harrell gave presentations at both meetings on self-determination which is included in the board's packets. The most frequently asked questions are very helpful. SCLARC is also in the process of identifying members for the Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee. Four of the five members to be selected by SCLARC have already been approved by the board. Five will be chosen by the State Council of Developmental Disabilities (SCDD). The SCDD will also have a represented on the committee bringing the total committee member number to 11.

During the Town Hall meetings, SCLARC made participants aware of the opportunity to service of the SD-LAC. As people signed in, there were boxes for them to check if they were interested in getting more information on self-determination to participating as a member of the local

advisory committee. CS&FS staff are in the process of calling parents that said they were interested in more information or participating on the SDLAC. President, Ana Da Silva asked “how long will the commitment would be as far as terms? Marsha responded, ‘three years.’”

March is Developmental Disabilities Month and within that month, SCLARC celebrates World Down Syndrome Day, March 21. SCLARC’s Early Start/ FRC held a silly sock party for our kids. Crystal Smith, who is our parent advocate and a parent of a child with Down syndrome had this amazing silly sock concept. 50 families attended and silly socks were given to everyone. Crystal also placed awesome posters with sock facts and quotes through-out the agency for the entire month. Lara Okunubi, who goes above and beyond in terms of supporting us in our endeavors, was able to get 5 families with adult consumers to talk about their journey with non-parents and new parents with children that have Down syndrome.

It was very emotional and lots of fun. Lastly, we have good news regarding outreach. SCLARC is once again, providing Sibshops. Paquita Vales was our FRC manager instituted Sibshops here at SCLARC and ran the program for years. It is an amazing program where the siblings of children who have been diagnosed with a developmental disability come together with other children to share, play, and talk about what it’s like to have a sibling who has developmental disability but in an atmosphere that’s safe and empowering.

Monique Watts who is a part of our outreach committee as well as Desiree Boykin worked with Marssia Chutan and Tanea Robinson of Early Start to get this program up and running again. It has been an awesome success. We had 15 kids the first week and another 15 kids the second Saturday. The parents were very appreciative and said the kids raved about the program all week.

CS&FS also met with Fiesta Educativa. We were able to troubleshoot and see trends in terms of what concerns our parents and families have.

### **CONSUMER AND SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT** – Reuben Lee

Good evening. One of the things that we are doing in my department is developing a internal training model that will list services by age group. Services that we fund will be listed by age groups such as 0-3, 3-6, 6-10, 10-18, 18-22 years and it will be listed in English and Spanish. Also, we have another outreach event that will take place Saturday, March 28, from 10am-noon with the Fuerza Inc. parent group in Huntington Park. We are expecting 40-50 parents. Fuerza is a pretty large organization, they have 600 registered members and their attendance varies with topic. I can guarantee these 40-50 parents. This group was started by Rosa Rosario Perez who was a SCLARC parent, partner and former treasurer.

### **VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT** - Lara Okunubi

Ms. Okunubi was not present to give the VAC report.

**CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT** - Alyssa Jackson

Alyssa gave the board an overview of last two Consumer Advisory Meetings. February's monthly meeting took place at the SCLARC offices. The Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order by CAC President Alyssa at 4:00pm here at the Grinder's restaurant. The CAC members signed in. CAC President Alyssa J went over the SCLARC CAC rules with the CAC members.

For this month's meeting, the CAC speaker was Community Advocate Specialist Monique Watts talk to the members of the CAC about what to do and how to react when you our stop the police. CAC had questions and discussion on what they need to do. Members where glad learn the information. Desiree Boykin Consumer Advocate pass out two handouts on your Legislative representatives the CAC members know who represents them Sacramento. The second has on the Lanterman Coalition and the reason why it's important to the petition and mail the letter by Senator Beall.

The group also discussed the Cultural Fair planning. The third committee planning meeting for the Cultural Fair will be held at SCLARC on Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

The CAC has new consumers who are interested in being apart of the CAC. The next meeting will be April 20,2015 at 4pm here at the SCLARC office.

**Executive Directors Report** - Dexter Henderson

There are a number of things that I just want to quickly go through, one self-determination. I'm sure that all of you probably have been with the regional center for a while, you probably would rate self-determination as probably the most talked about issue that we've had in quite a few years and just because we're having this process for the selection of our respective advisory committees does not mean that the board does not have anymore involvement or responsibility in this process. I think the board should consider designating members to monitor self-determination advisory committee meetings so they too can hear the conversations and the dialogue that go on in those meetings. Then they are able to bring that input back here to support those issues as we go through this self-determination process.

I believe Desiree and Alyssa, ought to write, or have someone write a proposal, possibly a one pager to Friends of SCLARC and ask if FOS would consider supporting the CAC movie event. Maybe the first 50 people that attend could receive a ticket. I think certainly every now and then, they should be some sort of support for you in some things that you are doing and certainly FOS is one vehicle that you can do that with.

Veronica Moser, Mireya Romero, and her daughter Christie participated in a legislative hearing on behalf of the Lanterman Coalition efforts to obtain a 10% increase for both service providers and regional center operations. The legislature appears to support the request but at this point, it is unknown if the Governor will support the request.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President, Ana Da Silva then adjourned the March 24, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting at 9:00pm.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next SCLARC Board of Directors meeting will be held on May 26, 2015, at **SCLARC, 2500 South Western Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Flr. Legacy Community Room**

**Submitted by:**

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Executive Secretary

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Mark Grimes  
Board Secretary

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