



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

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

September 22, 2015

7:00pm – 9:00pm

President, Ana Da Silva opened the **September 22, 2015 Board Meeting** with roll call and introductions:

Members Present:

Diana Ugalde

Ana DaSilva

Sandra Casado

Karen Washington

Mireya Romero

Alyssa Jackson

Veronica Moser

Lara Okunubi

Alfredo Farfan

Teyanne Williams

Mark Grimes

Members Absent:

Dora Evans

Staff Present:

Dexter Henderson

Deanna Corbin

Monique Watts

Reuben Lee

Maria Figueroa

Desiree Boykin

Roy Doronila

Public:

Michelle McBernie (ILS Support)

Christine Tolbert (State Council for Developmental Disabilities)

President, Ana Da Silva requested the board's approval of the **March 24, 2015 Board Minutes** as presented and the **July 28, 2015 Board Minutes**.

BOARD ACTION:

Motion To Ratify SCLARC Board Minutes of March 24, 2015 with (2) Corrections made.

M/S/C: V. Moser/ M. Grimes/ Unanimous

Motion To Approve SCLARC Board Minutes of July 28, 2015

M/S/C: T. Williams /L. Okunubi/ Unanimous

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SCLARC BOARD MEMBERSHIP - Dexter Henderson

Mr. Henderson informed the board of director's that, board members Michelle Rappino and Lisa Sanchez both sent letters of resignation to the SCLARC Board. He also noted that the board currently has 5 vacancies and members should continue recruitment.

BOARD ACTION:

Motion To Accept the Resignation of SCLARC Board Members

Michelle Rappino

Lisa Sanchez

M/S/C: V. Moser /M. Grimes/ Unanimous

Executive Directors Performance Evaluation – Ana Da Silva

Board President Ana Da Silva brought to the board's attention that the performance evaluation for the Executive Director are still outstanding. Ana requested that those members who did not complete and return the evaluation must do so immediately and forward to Vice President, Veronica Moser as soon as possible. Deanna Corbin also offered physical copies of the evaluation to handout for completion is necessary.

ARCA Report – Ana Da Silva

No ARCA Report at this time.

AGENCY DIRECTORS REPORTS

BUDGET UPDATE & FINANCE REPORT – Robert Johnson

Robert Johnson presented the SCLARC financials on behalf of Roy Doronila, CFO.

POS Expenditure Projection Report, the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, and the Balance Sheet. The following financial 15-16 budget highlights were reported to the board: (Financials attached)

The POS Expenditure Projection Report indicates the agency has maintained its projections of total POS in the amount of \$148,672,098. This estimate is \$1,378,826 higher than the previous month.

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditure Report shows the agency spent 106.2% of our allocation in POS and 85% in Operations within 100% of the year. SCLARC is projecting a deficit of \$10,347,245 mainly due to not receiving all of our allocation for the fiscal year. As for CPP we are projecting a \$73,779 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 June 30, 2015 the agency has \$6,558,485 in cash balance. We expect this balance to be adequate to finish the year and should the cash advance for the new fiscal year is delayed, we have a standby line of credit.

BOARD ACTION:

Motion To Approve SCLARC's Financial Reports as of September 2015

M/S/C: M. Romero/ S. Casado/ Unanimous

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORTS REPORT

R. Lee for Marsha Mitchell

Mr. Lee spoke on Self Determination in Marsha Mitchell's absence. Self -Determination is an ongoing process. The Self- Determination committee has met three times thus far and will meet once a month. Reuben mentioned that he forwarded a link to the board from DDS regarding Self-Determination and asked the board to please take the time to go to the site in your leisure and learn more regarding this process. We will also plan to show this video at the next board meeting.

CONSUMER SERVICES COMMITTEE – Mireya Romero

The next CSC meeting will be October 28th, 2015 at 6:00pm, here at SCLARC.

CONSUMER AND SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT – Reuben Lee

National Core Indicators for SCLARC – NCI is the standard measure used across states and California by regional centers to assess the outcome of services provided to those individuals we serve. These indicators address key areas such as employment, choice, rights, respect and health and safety. What SCLARC did was took the 2011 results and compared them to our 2012 results. SCLARC will be meeting with DDS, Monday September 28, to discuss the National Core Indicators and to interpret the data and then see how we can use this data to develop strategies. Please see the SCLARC's National Core Indicators/ 2014 Report (Attached)

There was open dialog from the board regarding the NCI report and Reuben was able to answer most of their questions.

VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT - Lara Okunubi

Lara Okunubi opened with the 10% increase from the Governor that has yet to happen. She asked what else can the vendors we do to move this important issue along. The Vendors are suffering as a result of the lack of this increase. She mentioned how hard it is for vendors to get good dedicated help. Most of these people have to work two jobs and by the time they get to us, they are tired and cannot give 100% to the job/ consumers. Also, vendors cannot compete with the minimum wage of \$15 dollars an hour.

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The 2015 Vendor Fair will take place October 21st at the Los Angeles Convention Center. She invited the board to come join the fair to see what are vendors do and the services they provide.

President Ana Da Silva, thanked Ms. Okunubi for being such a wonderful dedicated service provider. Mr. Henderson spoke to some of the general issues the vendors face. He spoke directly to the legislative issue regarding the 10%. He believes the state is listening and the increase will eventually be put back. Lastly, this community has the top two legislative leaders in the state representing us so, we have to have a strategy in terms of getting in front of them. Senator DeLeon is the Senate leader and projected leader taking office. Senator Rendon will also be taking office in January. We have invited both to join us at our community open house in November and that would be a good time for the board to approach them.

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT - Alyssa Jackson

Alyssa introduced herself as the President of the Consumer Advisory Committee. Alyssa gave the board an overview of the August and September Consumer Advisory Meetings. The monthly August 27th, meeting took place at the SCLARC offices. CAC President Alyssa reported that guest speakers from Best Buddies came to speak to the group about their program and traveling when disabled. Best Buddies also showed a video of mentally disabled adults and their buddies together. They will come out again next month.

The Consumer Advisory Committee just held their 2015 Cultural Fair. The CAC worked very hard to put this event together and it was a success. Alyssa thanked the ILS workers, SCLARC staff, Monique Watts and all the 100folks that turned out to support us.

CAC's vision is for CAC members to consider serving on difference boards so that the community gets to know who we are. At the People's First conference, there was a board slot open for Region 10 which covers the Los Angeles area and our own Antoine Jones of SCLARC was selected to serve on the board over a number of consumers who applied for the position on the People's First Board.

ARCA Consumer Advisory Report – Desiree Boykin had no ARCA Report this month.

Executive Directors Report - Dexter Henderson

Mr. Henderson informed the board that we were not having any luck with the dates selected for the board retreat. He proposed that the retreat date be moved to January. The board thought that was too far out and asked for a consensus regarding a one day retreat at the regional center opposed to postponing the retreat until the new year. It was agreed that the SCLARC board would meeting October 24, from 9-2pm at the regional center.

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Special session as you may know, ended September 14th and nothing but good will come out of it. There were at least eleven rallies or so throughout the state and at least 25 or 30 articles on the issue. There is still the possibility that we may receive some money. I do believe something will occur by our next fiscal year.

Mr. Henderson briefly spoke on the grant funding that Maura is currently working on. The first document is an announcement that we have been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Vernon Community Fund. This money comes from a special effort that was put in to place by the cities of Vernon, Maywood, Huntington Park and Bell Gardens which are all part of our service area and they have a special fund to enhance the community with some of the dollars put into that fund. You may recall during our anniversary, we spoke about the need and interest in an extended satellite office in that area. This is one of our successes in that area. With this grant, we can now conduct some outreach in that area and provide additional support and education to our parents and consumers who are already receiving services who are in that area by giving them the opportunity to connect with us in that area opposed to coming all the way to the other side of Los Angeles to connect with us. We will eventually have staff there to begin implementing some things very shortly. We also have two other grants that are real close from Centinela Valley Medical Funds and QueensCare Medical Fund.

As you know we have talked about having a campaign to raise dollars to support the unmet needs of our regional center and to address some of the issues that our DDS dollars do not cover. So we have the notion that we want to formally in the first half of the year talk about a formal 3year campaign to raise 5 million dollars to support those supplemental programs initially.

SCLARC is currently in the quiet phase of a campaign to raise funds for those programs that are in need of charitable support. One of the avenues for fundraising is through the naming of room and spaces throughout Legacy Plaza. Naming contributions directly support the needs of various programs and pilots which provide direct service to our consumers. Naming opportunities range from \$25,000-\$5 Million, and can be 0pledged over 3-5 years. Donors are recognized with a plaque outside of their selected room or location.

This evening , we are asking the Board to approve the naming agreements for the four individuals or entities who have outstanding naming agreements to be signed. Additionally, we are asking the board to authorize the Executive Committee to approve any agreements received between now and the November board meeting. Currently we are asking that you approve the 4 listed donors committed to naming space in Legacy Plaza.

BOARD ACTION:

Motion To Approve Legacy Plaza Space Naming Donors

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PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

President, Ana Da Silva then adjourned the September 22, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting at 9:00pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next SCLARC Board of Directors meeting will be held **November 17, 2015, due to the Thanksgiving holiday schedule.** The meeting will be held at SCLARC, 2500 South Western Avenue, 4th Flr. Legacy Community Room

Submitted by:

Deanna Corbin
Executive Secretary

Date

Approved by:

Mark Grimes
Board Secretary

Date