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

SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER
Remote Zoom Meeting
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 23rd, 2021
7:00pm – 9:00pm

President, Wanda Cathran, opened the **March 23rd, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting** with roll call:

Members Present:

Wanda Cathran	Cynthia Torres	Magali Ochoa
Sherita Rogers	Hazel Lozano	Stephanie Arlaud
Ascary Navarro	Illona Hendrick	Ana DaSilva
Ashlei Sullivan	Jesus Murillo	

Members Excused:

Raul Munoz

Staff Present:

Deanna Corbin	Kim Bowie	Naomi Hagel
Dexter Henderson	Kimberly Arrington-White	Norma Ortiz
Eli Munguia	Kyla Lee	Ted Bilbao
Jesse Rocha	Maricel Cruzat	Ozzie Torres

General

Minutes Approved:

Board Action:

To approve SCLARC Board Minutes January 26th, 2021
M/S/C: M. Ochoa/A. Navarro/Unanimous

Diana Huerta took a moment to introduce herself to the Board.

Ms. Huerta, as a parent to a child with special needs and who is a consumer of the South Central Los Angeles Regional Center, has first-hand experience navigating the special education system and being an advocate for her family.

Board Action:

To approve Diana Huerta as new Board member
M/S/C: C. Torres/M. Ochoa/Unanimous

Board Elections will be held Tuesday, May 25th, 2021. All Board members will have the opportunity to nominate someone into office.

Board Member Reports

Executive Committee Report – Wanda Cathran

Wanda Cathran gave an overview of the Executive Committee Meeting held February 18th. During this meeting, the Executive Committee discussed HR policy and bylaws updates, which will be forthcoming and presented to the Board.

Consumer Services Committee – Magali Ochoa

Magali Ochoa provided an overview of the Consumer Services Committee (CSC) meeting held February 8th, 2021.

Dr. Myisha Driver, LA Children’s Hospital, joined the meeting to discuss the Regional Center Leadership Academy, designed to help consumers, parents, staff and vendors understand and affect change in system-level issues of disparity. The area of focus is to support historically undeserved Latinx and African American persons with no authorized or underutilized services.

The CSC meeting is held the second Monday of every other month at 6:00 pm via virtual invitation.

Vendor Advisory Committee – Illona Hendrick

Illona Hendricks reported on the Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) meetings held February 10th and March 10th, 2021.

February 10th:

Dr. Myisha Driver, LA Children’s Hospital, joined the meeting to discuss the Regional Center Leadership Academy, designed to help consumers, parents, staff and vendors understand and affect change in system-level issues of disparity.

Dr. John Probst, SCLARC Pharmacy Consultant, presented a brief presentation on the misconceptions that are had in regards to the COVID-19 vaccine.

March 10th:

SCLARC Leadership team presented to the committee. SCLARC has a vaccination plan to secure vaccine appointments and has generated a contact number and email for families and vendors to call for assistance. There are a few programs that have returned to center-based services, such as employment programs. Dr. Bowie recommends that if you are a licensed facility, you can go back and review the guidelines for reopening.

The VAC meets the second Wednesday of every month at 10:00am via virtual invitation.

Advocate Advisory Committee – Ascary Navarro

Ascary Navarro gave an overview of the Advocates Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting held February 2021.

Maura Gibney presented and discussed the Leadership Academy, in partnership with Children’s hospital, to the committee which is training and education program that will be coming soon.

Speaker, Wesley Witherspoon presented the importance in regards to friends and romantic relationships. He provided advice about what to do when you are meeting someone as well as talking about healthy relationships.

The CAC meeting is held on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:00am via virtual invitation.

Self-Determination Advisory Committee – Jenice Turner

Jenice Turner gave an overview of the Self-Determination Advisory Committee meeting held March 10th, 2021.

As of today, SCLARC has completed 86 orientations, 31 person centered plans, 17 budget certifications, 13 budget certifications in process, 10 spending plan certifications and 70 cases have transitioned to a self-determination service coordinator. In June 2021, the Self-Determination program will be available to all individuals served by the regional center.

Finance Committee – Kyla Lee

(Please see Budget Update and Finance Report below)

The Finance Committee meets on the third Wednesday, of every other month, the week prior to SCLARC's BOD meeting.

Directors and Staff Reports

Budget Update and Finance Report – Robert Johnson

Robert Johnson presented to the board the financial statements as of January 31st. Robert Johnson presented the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities and the POS Expenditure Projection (PEP) summary. The following financial highlights were reported to the board:

The Statement of Financial Position as of January 2021 shows that as of January 31, 2021 the agency has \$13,887,758 in cash balance and expects to have adequate funds through June 30, 2021. If necessary, SCLARC can utilize its line of credit if there are not sufficient funds for operations.

The Statement of Activities Report shows the agency spent about 50% of our allocation in Operations as of January 31st. SCLARC is projecting to utilize all funds by the end of the fiscal year. There is a POS deficit of \$43,809,237 and SCLARC expects to receive additional allocations from DDS to cover the deficits.

The POS Expenditure Projection (PEP) report indicates the agency has estimated its POS projections in the amount of \$404,815,142 by June 30, 2021.

The Board was presented with SCLARC's B-2 Allocation, totaling \$807,235.

Oswaldo Torres, from the Harrington Group, presented the audit report and tax return in detail to the finance committee on March 17th, 2021. The information received from SCLARC was provided in a timely and accurate manner. There were no significant deficiencies, material weaknesses or non-compliance issues.

Board Action:

To approve SCLARC's B-2 Allocation, totaling \$807,235

M/S/C: S. Arlaud/M. Ochoa/Unanimous

Board Action:

To approve SCLARC FY 19-20 Independent Financial Presentation and Form 990

M/S/C: S. Arlaud/M. Ochoa/Unanimous

Office of Advancement – Maura Gibney

Maura Gibney presented to the Board an overview of the programs and supports provided by her team.

The Family Resource Center has both an Early Start and Lanterman team. They provide monthly orientation on Early Start Services, monthly educational workshops, community education and outreach, and professional development trainings for community partner agencies, along with many more.

The Navigator Program aims to improve individual and caregivers knowledge of generic resources, including monthly group education on topics including Regional Center services, IHSS and social security.

SCLARC was selected as a unifying agency for the Help Me Grow LA County Pathways investment. This grant will support the creation of an interactive online referral form for both Early Start and Lanterman intake and building out agency electronic charting system to include specific resources to be included with information sent to families when children are not found eligible.

SCLARC holds a back to school fair, photos with santa, and Baby2Baby where SCLARC received 50,000 diapers and wipes annually as well as strollers, car seats or clothing.

Public Input:

As far as opening the agency, has Leadership discussed what it will look like and have put procedures in place?

Dexter Henderson: Topic has been discussed, but no firm commitments have been made as to what SCLARC will do. Informal conversations had been had with service providers as far as regulations and how SCLARC will plan based on them.

POS Disparity Data was presented and questioned.

Leadership: Asked Ms. Gomez to make an appointment to discuss. With the new DDS Directives, SCLARC pushed back their disparity numbers to hold in the month of June. During that time, SCLARC will be able to answer any questions available.

Adjournment:

President, Wanda Cathran, adjourned the March 23rd, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting at 9:00pm.

Next Meeting:

The next SCLARC Board of Directors meeting will be held May 25th, 2021 via Zoom.

Submitted by:

Deanna Corbin
Executive Assistant

Date

Approved by:

Ascary Navarro
Board Secretary

Date