



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
July 26th, 2022
7:00pm – 9:00pm

President, Jesus Murillo, opened the **July 26th, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting** with roll call:

Members Present:

Ana Da Silva	Illona Hendrick	Mireya Romero
Ascary Navarro	Jesus Murillo	Sherita Rogers
Ashlei Sullivan	Magali Ochoa	Raul Munoz
Cynthia Torres	Wanda Cathran	Lauren Black

Members Excused:

Diana Huerta

Public Present:

AAC – Caycee Ricketts
LA City Recreation & Parks – Jacqueline Lopez

Staff Present:

Cherylle Mallinson	Kyla Lee
Deanna Corbin	Maricel Cruzat
Dexter Henderson	Sarai Cruz
Eli Munguia	Jenice Turner
Jesse Rocha	Kiara Lopez

i. General

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Jesus Murillo.

Board Action:

B. To approve SCLARC Board Minutes of May 24th, 2022

M/S/C: A.Navarro/A.DaSilva/Unanimous

C. To approve Amended SCLARC Board Minutes of March 22nd, 2022

M/S/C: A.DaSilva/ C.Torres/ Unanimous

Board Election: The Following Board Members Were Nominated for the 2022-23 Board Officers

D. SCLARC 2022 Board Election Nominations:

Jesus Murillo – for President
Cynthis Torres – for Vice President
Ascary Navarro –for Secretary
Lauren Black – for Treasurer
Mireya Romero - for Treasurer (declined nomination)

ii. Board Member Reports

A. Executive Committee Report – Jesus Murillo, President

Jesus Murillo reported that the Executive Committee meeting was not held for the month of July 2022. Mr. Murillo also informed the Board that Hazel Lozano turned in her resignation to the board, effective last week.

B. Supportive Services Committee – Raul Munoz (Co-Chair Wanda Cathran)

Raul Munoz was not present for the meeting; therefore Wanda Cathran, as the Co-Chair, provided a report. The minutes were completed by Diana Huerta. The following were discussed during the meeting:

- 2022 Medicaid Waiver Review – preliminary results indicated little to no findings
- 2020 Medicaid Waiver Review – completed results indicated little to no findings.
- SCLARC received a supplemental grant from DDS through American Rescue Plan Act for Early Start. A School Transition Liaison position was created as a liaison to develop collaborative partnerships with local school districts and other agencies, and the grant is through January 28, 2024L.
- Updates were given on the latter in case management.
- Ms. Odulia Juarez was promoted to Chief of Case Management for Children Services
- SCLARC was featured in a LA Times article for May as a model regional center addressing The Reduction of Disparities
- Discussed Family Portal app and efforts underway to reach out to SCLARC family members & individuals - 62 individuals are currently receiving services
- Report given on social, recreation, & educational services policies. Both policies were approved by the board at last board meeting & translated into Spanish & posted on the SCLARC website
- Updates from Crystal Smith regarding Early Start Family Resource Center, the Navigation Program, the Community Navigator program, Family Empowerment Center, and First Five LA Help Me Grow Pathways grant.
- SCLARC Advocacy Efforts Update from Kiara Lopez, Chief Advancement Officer.

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

C. Vendor Advisory Committee – Illona Hendrick

Illona Hendricks reported overall concerns that the vendors are having: 1) Issues with vendorization process. 2) POS Process. 3) Issues with insurances, vendor audits and letters of termination being sent out because of those audits.

Subcommittees have been created to help identify specific issues.

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

D. Advocate Advisory Committee – Ascary Navarro

Ms. Caycee Ricketts, president of AAC, provided a brief update and shared memories of one of its members who recently passed away.

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

E. Self-Determination – Jenice Turner

Jenice Turner gave an overview of the Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee meeting held June 8th, 2022.

The committee discussed changing the frequency of the meeting to a quarterly basis and developing subcommittees to focus on key program items. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities shared that they recently hosted a weeklong training for independent facilitators in LA County. There were 60 participants, each were issued a certificate for completing the training. State Council continues to offer training centered around self-determination to the public. State Council also began office hours in the month of June. There are currently 63 individuals to receive self-determination services. SCLARC continues to offer monthly self-determination orientation for individuals interested in receiving services under the program. The pandemic related changes to the Bagley Keen Act will remain in effect until July 1, 2023.

F. Training/ Recruitment Committee – Ana DaSilva

The Training Committee did not meet this month. However, two applications for board membership were reviewed and will be scheduled for interviews. The committee will also be looking at and probably start training for the new Board members in September/ October.

G. Finance Committee – Ashlei Sullivan

Ms. Sullivan gave an overview of the Finance Committee held July 20.

- Reviewed meeting minutes from May 18, 2022
- Kyla Lee, CFO reported financial statements as of June 30th, current DDS allocation (Series D prelim contract allocation), & general updates
- Fiscal team completed the rollover of the new 2023 POS authorization and the rollback
- DDS is planning to update the Regional Centers accounting software, UFS (project is slated for completion in 2026)
- Updates on the vendor rate study and increases
- SCLARC implemented Microsoft 365, in addition to the authentication app & the token card were implemented as fraud verification methods
- Discussed goals: 1) increase the number of Finance Committee members and diversify member skill sets. 2) inviting board members to attend the Finance Committee as guests to learn more about SCLARC's finances.

Board Action:

**To approve SCLARC "D" Preliminary Allocation for Fiscal Year 22-23 totaling \$422,639,459.
M/S/C: W. Cathran/A. Navarro/Unanimous**

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

(Please also see Budget Update and Finance Report – Attachment)

iii. Staff Reports

A. Budget Update and Finance Report – Kyla Lee

Kyla Lee presented to the Board the financial statements as of June 30th, 2022. Ms. Lee 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 June 30th, 2022, shows we have \$46,980,122 in cash compared to the same time last year when the agency had \$9,336,301 with an increase of \$37,643,821. Currently, Accounts Payable are at \$33,606,810 compared to last years \$30,700,968. Currently, SCLARC has a healthy statement of financial position and has closed the year in a very strong position.

The Statement of Activities Report shows SCLARC has spent \$42,171,996 on operations, or 85% of our allocation, and are projected to spend the balance of the \$49,605,324 allocation received. SCLARC has spent \$379,022,064, or 72.9%, in POS dollars and are projected to spend another \$42,463,430 by the end of the year. That will get SCLARC to \$421,485,494 of the \$519,777,887 that we received. This year, compared to last year, SCLARC was allocated a significant amount of dollars because of the spending conducted during the pandemic. This number has grown. Regarding the allocation balance, the department made sure there was enough allocation to provide services to the community. Of the \$519M, \$421M is anticipated on being spent and not necessarily needing to use the \$98 million balance.

The POS Expenditure Projection (PEP) summary indicates SCLARC's current month projection for the annual estimated Purchase of Service (POS) Expenditures and how many dollars SCLARC projects to spend. This summary is sent to DDS monthly with our projected spending.

B. SCLARC General Department Updates Regarding:

Department of Clinical Services – Maricel Cruzat

i. Early Start Outreach DDS Partnership:

SCLARC, in partnership with DDS, have initiated a new program called "Connections." The US. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs administers the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, which authorizes states under Part C to provide early intervention services to infants & children with developmental delays & disabilities. In California, DDS implements Part C through the regional center. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provided supplemental grant funds for early intervention under Part C. SCLARC were given these grant funds. We identified Community Partners to pilot this program. Ms. Cruzat

provided a summary of the plan of action on how the “Connections” program will be handled and implemented. SCLARC will provide DDS with data reports and share data with DDS as requested.

Another supplemental grant provided to SCLARC from ARPA is the School Transition Liaison position for Early Start. This position will focus on developing collaborative partnerships with our local school districts and other agencies. The position has been filled. The Liaison will start on August 1, 2022.

ii. Public Meeting Announcement – Cherylle Mallinson:

Ms. Mallinson announced a Public Meeting in relation to SCLARC’s Performance Contract, Community Resource Development Plan and National Core Indicators. The Public Meeting is to take place via Zoom on August 22nd,2022 at 6:00pm. The Support & Services Committee was also invited. Concern was expressed regarding vendor’s concerns regarding vendorization process.

Public Meeting Announcements

What? Performance Contract, Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) and National Core Indicators (NCI)

When? August 22,2022 @ 6:00 PM

Where? Zoom

Who? Cherylle Mallinson, Director of Community Services | Jesse Rocha, Director of Adult Services | Jenice Turner, Director of Children Services | Support & Services Committee of the Board of Directors

C. Executive Director Report – Dexter Henderson

Mr. Henderson was going to address the issue regarding vendorization and auditing insurance issue but staff addressed the issue and a plan of action has been put into place. He agrees that it is a great idea to sit down with the vendors to talk about what exactly is not occurring.

There are currently vacancies for Board Members, we have received three applications. The Recruitment and Training Committee has been tasked to interview the applicants to fill those vacancies.

The Board has been asked that during their corresponding Committee meetings that they identify at least one board member to attend the Public Hearing Meetings and all the ones that are statutorily required to have a public meeting over. Having a wide variety of members attending certain public hearings would ensure that we always have at least 1,2,3,4,5 members of the board attending those public hearings. Our presence and involvement make a difference.

It would be best to hold a special meeting to go over the details of the LA Times article as it is very detailed and very specific to several issues. In summary the article goes way back in 2011 when the LA Times did a special series of one article relating to the racial differences that children with autism have amongst ethnic groups within the system. It showed not only that there was a system wide disparity in serving members of ethnic groups versus whites for example, but it also indicated the difference between the average costs for white children and Latinos & Blacks between the ages of three and six. Statistics demonstrating the differences was shared. The article indicated that in the last six years our costs for supporting those individuals our expenses for those groups significantly increased. SCLARC was one of four centers that significantly reduced that gap of services throughout the entire state. The article was flattering. Not only were the numbers met but several policies and practices were revamped.

Modification of Board Bylaws was proposed. The modification would allow board members to potentially extend their term a 7th year, currently it is 6 years. Discussions have occurred between the Recruitment & Training Committee and the Executive Committee, and all are on the same wavelength on moving forward. This will be discussed during the next meeting.

iv. Other Matters

Public Input:

Jacqueline Lopez, Senior Recreation Director for The City of LA's Adaptive Sport Program with The Department of Recreation and Parks – Ms. Lopez will be sharing information regarding the program which will be beneficial to SCLARC’s community & participants during the upcoming Supportive Services Committee meeting. The Adaptive Sports program, which is sports only, is free of charge.

Board Member Election Results – Jesus Murillo

Treasurer – Lauren Black
Secretary – Ascary Navarro
Vice President – Cynthia Torres
President – Jesus Murillo

Adjournment:

President, Jesus Murillo, adjourned the July 26th, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting at 8:46 pm.

Next Meeting:

The next SCLARC Board of Directors meeting will be held September 27th, 2022 via Zoom at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Rosmery Pena
Executive Assistant

Date

Approved by:

Ascary Navarro
Board Secretary

Date