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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
November 16th, 2021
7:00pm – 9:00pm

President, Jesus Murillo, opened the **November 16th, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting** with roll call:

Members Present:

Ascary Navarro
Ashlei Sullivan
Cynthia Torres
Devon Rios
Diana Huerta

Illona Hendrick
Jesus Murillo
Magali Ochoa
Mayra Morales
Mireya Romero

Raul Munoz
Sherita Rogers
Wanda Cathran

Members Excused:

Ana Da Silva
Hazel Lozano

Staff/Public Present:

Ashton Green
Cherylle Mallinson
Deanna Corbin
Dexter Henderson
Eli Munguia
Ericka Anguiano
Jesse Rocha

Karmell Walker
Kiara Lopez
Kyla Lee
Maricel Cruzat
Naomi Hagel
Norma Ortiz
Odulia Juarez

Perla Zuniga
Sarai Cruz
Sharon Dixon
Sofia Cervantes
Ted Bilbao

General

Board Action:

To approve SCLARC Board Minutes September 28th, 2021
M/S/C: C. Torres/I. Hendrick/Unanimous

Board Member Reports

Executive Committee Report – Jesus Murillo

Jesus Murillo provided an overview of the Executive Committee Meetings held May 2021.

Supportive Services Committee – Raul Munoz

Raul Munoz provided an overview of the Supportive Services Committee (SSC) meeting held November 2021.

Jesse Rocha provided the committee with a status of covid-19 and what his staff is accomplishing to help the people we serve and their families during this time. The team is providing information and possible resources to families to stay safe whether it is promoting knowledge on covid vaccines or on flu shots.

The SSC 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 August 11th and August 25th, 2021.

October 13th, 2021: Maricel Cruzat shared statistics for SCLARC on Covid-19. There are 1,365 individuals who have tested positive, with the numbers decreasing in the last two weeks. Maricel also shared information on the booster doses and criteria. The Pfizer vaccine is the only vaccine right now that has authorization for the 3rd shot. There will be no pharmacy partnership for this time around. However, SCLARC has established a partnership with a vaccine provider, Kedren Health, to assist vendors with booster shots.

Jesse Rocha shared directives that were recently extended. For early start, there are numerous waivers/extensions. The in person eligibility meeting waiver has been extended. Public meetings for regional centers in-person have also been waived. Participant directed services have also been extended to November 20, 2021. Under self-determination, FMS state law has been waived in regards to paying cost of FMS.

Cherylle Mallinson discussed the independent review and audits. In accordance with requirements, vendors are required to provide a review or an audit of financial statements.

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 (AAC) meeting held August 2021.

Speaker, Gabriel Rodriguez from Access services, discussed how to apply for Access and how Access helps in regards to the pandemic.

Ascary Navarro announced he has resigned as secretary of the Advocate Advisory Committee. Due to his professional duties, Ascary decided not to continue his role and is truly appreciative of all the support he has received over the last five and a half years.

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

Self-Determination – Raul Munoz

The Self-Determination Committee invited Katie Ornburger.

Finance Committee – Ashlei Sullivan

(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 – Kyla Lee

Kyla Lee presented to the Board the financial statements as of September 30th, 2021. Kyla 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 September 30th, 2021 shows we have \$25,970,424 in cash compared to the same time last year when the agency had \$28,725,950. Currently, Accounts Payables are at \$28,169,066 compared to last years \$30,652,663. Cash fluctuates throughout the month based on when we receive our state claim, but SCLARC has a healthy balance sheet and ample cash flow.

The Statement of Activities Report shows SCLARC has received two allocations from DDS, Preliminary and C1. The allocation for operations totaled \$46,867,097 and SCLARC has spent \$9.7 million or 20% of the allocation and anticipate spending the full allocation with the remaining \$37 million by June 30. The POS allocation totaled \$566,199,193 with SCLARC having spent \$89 million to date which is about 15% almost 16% and we anticipate spending up to \$523 million.

Status of Staff Vaccinations – Karmell Walker

Karmell Walker shared information regarding the SCLARC COVID vaccination mandate policy implemented early September requiring all staff to be fully vaccinated by October 31st, 2021. Prior to the policy being implemented, out of 364 employees, we had at that time 275 were vaccinated that was about 76% of our staff.

Out of 364 employees, 341 have been fully vaccinated, 18 received either a medical or religious exemption with five currently on leave of absence.

Social Recreation Program – Jesse Rocha

Jesse Rocha discussed the Restoration of Social Recreation, Camp, Educational Services, and Nonmedical Therapies.

Effective July 1, 2021, changes to Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) section 4648.5 restores regional center's authority to fund camping services and associated travel expenses; social recreational activities; educational services for children three to 17, inclusive, years of age; and nonmedical therapies, including, but not limited to, specialized recreation, art, dance, and music. Outreach and information sharing will extend to individuals and families who may not typically use these types of services, but who may benefit from receiving these services. SCLARC will submit an outreach plan to DDS by December 15, 2021.

CPP/CRDP – Cherylle Mallinson

Cherylle Mallinson discussed the Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) and Community Placement Plan (CPP).

One type of CRDP is the Enhanced Behavioral Supports Homes (EBSHs), adult residential facilities or children's group homes that provide 24-hour non-medical care in a homelike setting to individuals with developmental disabilities with challenging behaviors who require additional supports, staffing, and supervision.

Another is project 1920-4, Vern Ella a children's EBSH that will serve 4 adolescents. It has gone through extensive renovation to meet the needs of the people we serve.

The Community Placement Plan (CPP) is for regional centers to enhance the capacity of the community service delivery system and to reduce the reliance on the use of developmental centers and other restrictive living environments.

Vendor Rate Implementation Plan – Kyla Lee

Rate changes contingent on federal approval are as follows:

1. By April 1st, 2022
 - a. 25% of the difference between current rate and fully-funded rate model.
2. By July 1st, 2023
 - a. 50% of the difference between rates in effect March 31st, 2022 and the fully-funded model
3. By July 1st, 2025

- a. Full implementation of the rate models at 90% and quality incentive program at 10%
- 4. June 30th, 2026
 - a. Hold harmless of vendors with rates above the fully-funded rate models ends.

Adjournment:

President, Jesus Murillo, adjourned the November 16th, 2021, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting at 9:00pm.

Next Meeting:

The next SCLARC Board of Directors meeting will be held January 25th, 2022 via Zoom.

Submitted by:

Deanna Corbin
Executive Assistant

Date

Approved by:

Ascary Navarro
Board Secretary

Date