

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
(A California Corporation)**

December 11, 2019

ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Board of Director's were present at said meeting:

PRESENT:

Gisele Ragusa
Sheila James
Julie Chetney
Anabel Franco
Mary Soldato
David Bernstein
Preeti Subramaniam
John Randall
Georgina Molina
Shannon Hines
Daniel Rodriguez
Natalie Webber

STAFF:

Anthony Hill, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Director of Community Services
Tim Travis, Director of Federal Revenues and
Clinical
Aaron Christian, Director of Client Services
Erika Gomez, Exec. Assistant BOD
Laura Palma, Admin Assistant

ABSENT

Joseph Huang (LOA)

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Gisele Ragusa, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

The minutes for the September 25, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board.

M/S/C (Randall & James) The Board approved the minutes.

The minutes for the October 23, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board.

M/S/C (Webber & Soldato) The Board approved the minutes.

Abstain: Franco & Chetney

B. PUBLIC INPUT:

Sofia Cervantes, State Council of Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Advocate, informed those present that SCDD will hold an Independent Facilitator training hosted at Lanterman Regional Center. She also spoke about a survey that would assist SCDD create a state plan about what the community believes they should prioritize.

C. PRESENTATION – TENANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Jose De Leon, Facilities Manager, presented the Board with the current building improvement plans that will commence shortly, when the building is closed during the Holidays. To assure that renovations commence on schedule, the Board was asked to consider approving the contract from the contractor, Cannon.

The Board reviewed a contract based on their policy for contracts over \$250,000. **M/S/C (Randall & Hines) The Board approved the Contract.**

D. EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Anthony Hill, Executive Director, reported the following:

Financial Report

- SG/PRC is in very good shape with respects to operations.
- Every regional center was allocated a service coordinator position for a 1 to 25 caseload.
 - SG/PRC was awarded 2.1 positions. Staff will start recruiting for these positions.
- SG/PRC anticipates an allocation for a Family Home Agency Manager
- There is a lot of discussion among the seven Southern California regional centers about money allocated for Trauma Informed Care. This matter will require an agreement between the because not all regional centers were allocated a position.

Resource Development Policy – Aaron Christian, Director of Client Services, presented a proposed revised Resource Development Policy to reflect the addition of Community Resource Development Program (CRDP) as well as some update language.

M/S/C (Randall & Franco) The Board approved the revised amended Resource Development Policy.

E. COMMUNITY RELATIONS/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

F. CLIENT SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mary Soldato the committee is reviewing the POS Policy for Behavioral Health

Treatment.

G. VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAC)

Nothing to Report.

H. BOARD OVERVIEW

Dr. Gisele Ragusa shared the following information:

- Proposed Board Committee Schedule – Staff proposed a new Board Committees schedule to facilitate the attendance for all committee meetings, which is challenging for those committees that hold meetings simultaneously.
M/S/C (Bernstein & Hines) The Board approved the proposed Board Committee Schedule, effective February 1, 2020.
Oppose: Randall
- Amendments to SG/PRC Mission Statement – After receiving feedback from staff and service providers, the Board was presented with an amended mission statement.
M/S/C (Molina & Webber) The Board approved the proposed SG/PRC Mission Statement, effective immediately.
- ARCA Academy – The members have received information about this opportunity, and everyone interested was encouraged to partake in the survey that Dr. Ragusa created to gather information needed for travel arrangements.
- Board Discussion: David Bernstein, VAC Chairperson, led a discussion about the issues and concerns that face the vendor community regarding staffing challenges.

I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Anthony Hill, Executive Director, shared the following information:

- *AB 5 – Independent Contractors* – Regional Centers will be responsible for the correct and clear categorization of workers. Regional centers will have to use this “ABC Test” when using the services of Independent Contractors:
 - A. The worker is free from the control and direction of the hiring entity in connection with the performance of the work, both under the contract for the performance of the work and in fact.

- B. The worker performs work that is outside the usual course of the hiring entity's business.
- C. The worker is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, or business of the same nature as the work performed.

SG/PRC staff has consulted with the legal firm, Enright and Associates, for feedback and will stay close to legal guidance.

- *Review of Meet and Greet Event* – SG/PRC and the Kennedy Austin Foundation held a special “Meet and Greet” event that targeted the African American Community on November 19, 2019. SG/PRC will have a meet and greet for every community it represents.
- *DDS Taskforce* – This workgroup provides the opportunity and responsibility to make recommendations intended to strengthen developmental services in California. The following individuals from SG/PRC were selected:
 - Anthony Hill, Executive Director
 - Lucina Galarza, Director of Community Services
 - Aaron Christian, Director of Client Services
 - David Bernstein, SG/PRC VAC Chairperson and vendor
- *Central Valley STAR* – This program is for adolescents ages 13 to 17, who need time limited crisis stabilization services. It can accommodate up to five individuals and is temporarily located at Porterville Developmental Center until a community program is developed in the central valley region in 2020.
- *RC Medi-Cal Provider Enrollment* – Following a 2016 audit, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires the Department of Developmental Services, regional centers, and qualifying vendors to enroll as Medi-Cal providers. Enrollment is essential as Medicaid funding accounts for approximately 40% of total regional center funding. The Board

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members are required to comply with this. Staff will work with the members to gather the information needed and meet the deadline of January 13, 2020.

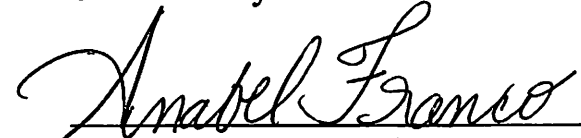
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regarding Building Lease & ADP Personnel

Next meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:15 p.m.

BOARD MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 11, 2019 MEETING

Submitted by:


Anabel Franco, Board Secretary

1.22.20
Date