

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

October 27, 2021

ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Board of Directors were present at said meeting:

PRESENT:

Penelope Fode
Sheila James
Shannon Hines
Bill Stewart
Anabel Franco – Vizcaino
Gisele Ragusa
Susan Stroebel
Preeti Subramaniam
Natalie Webber
Georgina Molina
Julie Lopez
Sherry Meng

ABSENT:

Mary Soldato

STAFF:

Anthony Hill, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Director of Community Services
Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services
Roy Doronila, Chief Financial Officer
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach and Compliance
Joe Alvarez,
Lupe Magallanes, Associate Director, Early Start and Intake Services
Rosa Chavez, Associate Director, Family & Transition Services

Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Communications & Public Relations
Erika Gomez, Exec. Assistant BOD
Willanette Satchell, Executive Assistant

GUESTS:

Bruce Cruickshank
Sofia Benitez
Nikisia Simmons
Joseph Huang
Albert Feliciano
Michelle Nelson

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Penelope Fode, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

B. PUBLIC INPUT:

Albert Feliciano, SCDD LA, shared that State Council of Developmental Disabilities, LA Office, will host two trainings: IEP Meetings – How they work and how to get what you need and Understanding the Statutory Language on Self Determination.

C. EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Anthony Hill, Executive Director, reported on the following:

Contract Language Update:

- With the guidance and direction that DDS provided the regional centers, SG/PRC will hire a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist who will be responsible for supporting the expansion of Deaf and hard of hearing service resources, provide training and expertise to regional center staff, and coordinate with the Department of Developmental Services on statewide efforts.
- With the guidance and direction that DDS provided the regional centers, SG/PRC will hire specialized positions to help expand Self Determination with responsibilities that involve supporting persons and or families served by SG/PRC to gain an understanding of and access to Participant-Directed Services and the Self-Determination Program.
- Regional Centers will receive an allocation for a Service coordinator that will work with families with low POS.

C-1 Amendment – The C-1 Amendment was received.

M/S/C (Stewart & Hines) the Board approved that the Board President, Penelope Fode, sign the amendment.

Abstain: Stroebel

Board Composition - The Lanterman Act requires the Board to meet a certain criteria, including specific ethnicity representation. Every year DDS measures compliance. Last year DDS determined SG/PRC didn't meet the requirements in the Asian and Hispanic representation. SG/PRC did not meet the requirements again this year. In discussion with the Strategic Development Committee members, they raised the following arguments:

- The Board is smaller in size
- There is enough Hispanic and Asian representation for the size of the Board
- The goal should be to recruit African American representation
- There is diversity in the committees

D. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

The Board were presented with the draft Performance Contract last month by Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach and Compliance. He shared that he did not receive feedback.

M/S/C (Ragusa & Hines) The Board approved the Performance Contract.

E. PERFORMANCE CONTRACT PROCESS

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach and Compliance, and staff presented on the following:

- Regional Center Performance Contract Reports
- Section 4571
- Public Policy Measure #19
- Early Intervention
- The Main Components
- Early Start Program Audit Reviews
- No/Low POS in Early Intervention
- Child Find Mandate
- Three Main Components
- Children and Teenagers
- Adults Live Independently With or Without Paid Supports
- Adults Live with Families
- Children served by SG/PRC requiring licensed residential care live in small, home-like settings
- Adults who reported having competitive integrated employment in their IPP
- Planned Activities
- Public Policy
- Programs to Promote Employment
- Planned activities for employment measures

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel Matter

Next meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 7:15 p.m.

BOARD MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 27, 2021 MEETING

Submitted by:

Penelope A Fode
Penelope Fode, Board President

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Date