

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

June 28, 2023

ATTENDANCE

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

PRESENT:

Gisele Ragusa
Bruce Cruickshank
Joseph Huang
Julie Chetney
Karen Zarsadiaz - Ige
Jaye Dixit
Bill Stewart
Trish Gonzales
Preeti Subramaniam
Richard Centeno
Karen Zarsadiaz - Ige
Tina Wright
Natalie Webber

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Director, Community Services
Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Outreach & Compliance
and Team
Tim Travis, Associate Director, Community Services
Rosa Chavez, Associate Director Family and Transition
Services
Jessie Lagos, Manager, Specialized Services II, Special
Projects
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager, Communications/P.R.
Hortencia Tafoya, Director of Clinical Services
Willanette Satchell, Executive Assistant – Exec.
Director
Erika Gomez, Liaison BOD & RDDF

ABSENT:

Susan Stroebel
Mary Soldato

GUESTS:

Cris Schlanser
Denis McGrath
Nada Saleh
Alma Janssen, DDS
Phillip Loi
Nancy Bunker
Ali Dorri
Nikki Mirikitani
Wendy Lai
Albert Feliciano, SCDD

INTERPRETERS:

Mandarin:
Charlene Shih
Ken Chen
Spanish:
Shelley Hash
Eduardo
ASL:
Ron Shields
Amelia

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Gisele Ragusa, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed.

The minutes for the May 24, 2023, meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board.

M/S/C (Stewart & Subramaniam) The Board approved the minutes.

B. PUBLIC INPUT:

- Albert Feliciano, SCDD, provided informational materials in the Zoom chat to promote the 2023 Disability Pride Parade, a Board meeting announcement and orientation sessions and the Special Education Series.
- Carl Argila reminded the Board that he records the entire meeting and uploads the video of the meeting to his personal blog. He shared details about his son's conservatorship, including his wish for the conservatorship to be terminated and asked that more specifics of his input be added to the minutes.

C. EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE

-Financial Report

In regional center operations, the allocation based on the D-2 Amendment is projected to meet expenditure projections. Projections include operating continuation cost and expenditures from the prior fiscal year. The operations D-2 allocation for fiscal year 2022-23 is currently at \$45,293,034 with projected expenditures of \$44,535,274. The year-to-date expenditure is \$28,669,888 with projected remaining expenditures of \$15,865,386. This results in an unencumbered amount of **\$757,760 in** regular operations.

The Family Resource Center allocation is projected to meet expenditure projections, resulting in a zero-balance remaining in allocation. The current allocation is \$154,564 with projected expenditures of \$154,564.

The Lanterman Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion program has a current allocation in the amount of \$1,380,279, staff expect to spend the full amount. The Fairview programs are included in this amount.

The Community Placement Plan (CPP) and DC ongoing Workload operations was allocated at 100% in the D-2 amendment.

The Purchase of Service allocation is based on the D-2 amendment in the amount of \$414,816,586. The current month's expenditure amounted to \$27,365,082, bringing the year-to-date expenditure for services to \$255,840,521. The remaining projected expenditures and late bills are in the amount of \$99,248,927 leaving an unencumbered amount of **\$59,727,139**.

CPP POS is a separate line item, we are allocated \$107,040 for placement and Start-up projects.

CRDP is allocated at \$ 2,964,000 for various start-up projects.

HCBS is allocated in the amount of \$ 638,638, and we expect to spend within the allocated amount.

-D -2 Contract and E Preliminary

(M/S/C – Stewart & Gonzales) The Board reviewed and approved the D-2 contract and E Preliminary and consented the Board President's signature.

-Contracts for Review

Tim Travis, Associate Director of Community Services, presented the following contract after thanking Board President, Gisele Ragusa, for her service to the Board of Directors:

- Holiday House Service
(M/S/C – Stewart & Zarsadiaz - Ige) The Board reviewed and approved the contract based on their policy for contracts over \$250,00.
- Merakey ITS
(M/S/C – Subramaniam & Stewart) The Board reviewed and approved the contract based on their policy for contracts over \$250,00.

D. COMMUNITY RELATIONS/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Joseph Huang, Chairperson, reported that the committee heard from the different members of the Community Outreach & Compliance Department and their efforts to the community. (See Community Outreach Report for more details). Also shared that the committee were provided updates on the "Back to School Readiness Festival," Coffee with the Director and Sirens of Silence.

E. ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS SERVED AND THEIR

Preeti Subramaniam, Chairperson, reported that the committee learned about Coordinated Family Supports and received an update on Self Determination. They are in the process of reviewing the Service Providers Insurance Policy.

F. VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAC)

Susan Stroebel, Chairperson, was not present but Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant to the Board of Directors, provided the certification for the new VAC Chairperson, Cris Schlanser, per the Bylaws. The Board unanimously acknowledged receipt of the certification and welcomed Cris.

G. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Julie Chetney, Chairperson shared that the committee interviewed the following for Board membership and recommended them:

- Sam Yi
(M/S/C – Stewart & Gonzales) **The Board approved the recommendation of Sam Yi as a Board Director.**
- Rachel McGrath
(M/S/C – Stewart & Wright) **The Board approved the recommendation of Rachel McGrath as a Board Director.**
- Paula Rodarte
(M/S/C – Zarsadias- Ige & Stewart) **The Board approved the recommendation of Paula Rodarte as a Board Director.**
- Phillip Loi
(M/S/C – Huang & Dixit) **The Board approved the recommendation of Phillip Loi as a Board Director.**

The committee provided a notice to conduct election of a slate of officers for Fiscal Year 23/24 at the last Board meeting. The following slate was proposed, and Bruce Cruickshank recommended it:

- Julie Chetney, President
- Jaye Dixit, 1st VP
- Karen Zarsadias-Ige, 2nd VP
- Patricia Gonzales, Secretary
- Bill Stewart, Treasurer

(M/S/C – Ragusa & Wright) The Board approved the above-mentioned slate of officers for Fiscal Year 23/24.

H. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Gisele Ragusa, Board President, shared that her term is ending and she expressed her appreciation for all the Board members, community members, service providers and staff including Executive Director, Jesse Weller. She also congratulated the new slate of officers. Lastly, she gave thanks to the Board members terming off: Mary

Soldato, Preeti Subramaniam, and Wendy Lai.

I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, discussed the following (for the complete, detailed Director’s Report, please see attachment)

- Monthly Coffee in the Community with Jesse – Mr. Weller continues to seek interest from service providers and community members to host him at a community location to have coffee and conversation.
- June 30, 2023 – Renewal Process for Permanent Disabled Parking Placards Changes - For additional information on renewals, please visit the DMV website
- Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) –
 - SB 101 (Skinner) This is the 2023-24 Budget that was passed by the Legislature on June 15th
 - AB 102 (Ting) – This is the updated 2023-24 Budget. A few areas noted: The Autism Services Branch at DDS now has reporting requirements, with a strong focus on service access and equity.
 - AB 103 (Ting) - The 2022 Budget provided \$700,000 for DDS and the Department of Education to work on parent-friendly resources related to a child’s transition from Part B and Part C.
 - AB 121 (Com. on Budget) – One of the released updates: Regional centers now have provisional service eligibility for children under the age of three.
 - AB 1147 (Addis) – The Disability Equity and Accountability Act. ARCA remains opposed to this bill unless amended with a particular focus on the areas related to subjecting regional centers to the Public Records Act and on areas related to Board Governance Term Limits.
- Early Start Standardized Information Packet - The Department has released the Early Start Information Packet that provides an overview of the regional center system and early intervention services.
- DDS Workforce Data Collection - Due to the high volume of vendors/service providers registering for the DSP Workforce Data Collection 2022, the deadline for completing the survey has been extended to June 30, 2023.

- Regional Center Staff Tuition Reimbursement - The Department has released guidance as it relates to Regional Center Employee Tuition Reimbursement.
- Self Determination Update: FMS Rates - Effective May 1, 2023, the Department has established new maximum monthly rates to be paid to FMS providers for services provided to participants in the SDP.
- Regional Center Performance Measure – Equity and Cultural Humility, Service Coordinator - Competency in Cultural and Ethnic Diversity. Regional centers will report the percentage of service coordinators, intake staff and first line supervisors who have completed cultural, ethnic, and linguistic competency training that meets the criteria identified above between the period of July 1 and June 30 each year, starting with Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- Staffing Statistics - As of May 31, 2023, SG/PRC has 466.5 authorized positions.
- Individual Served Statistics - As of May 31, 2023, SG/PRC served 16,135 individuals.
- Self-Determination Program (SDP) - As of May 31, 2023, SG/PRC enrolled 118 participants to the Self-Determination Program.

J. OTHER BOARD & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

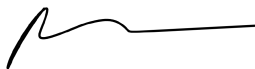
K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel Matter

Next meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 7:15 p.m.

BOARD MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 28, 2023 MEETING

Submitted by:



Patricia Gonzales, Board Secretary

7/31/2023

Date