



MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2020 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARBOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION, INC.

BOARD PRESENT:

Mr. Ron Bergmann, *Treasurer*
Mr. Fu-Tien Chiou, *Secretary*
Mr. Joe Czarske, *President*
Dr. James Flores, Board Advisor
Mr. David Gauthier, Board Member
Mr. Bob Irlen, Board Advisor
Ms. Ann Lee, Ph.D, Board Member
Mr. Christopher Patay, Board Member
Ms. Paul Quiroz, Board Member
Dr. Monica Sifuentes, Board Member
Ms. Kim Vuong, Board Member

BOARD ABSENT:

Mr. La Velle Gates, Board Member
Mr. Jeffrey Herrera, Board Member
Dr. Bobbie Rendon-Christensen, Board Member
Mr. Mariano Sanz, *Vice-President*
Ms. Latisha Taylor, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Patricia Del Monico, Executive Director
Ms. Nancy Spiegel, Director of Information & Development
Mr. Vincente Miles, Director of Community Services
Ms. LaWanna Blair, Director of Early Childhood Services
Mr. Patrick Ruppe, Director of Adult Services
Ms. Jennifer Lauro, Executive Assistant
Mr. Jesus Jimenez, Executive Team Assistant

GUESTS:

Mr. Rob Griffith, AGT
Ms. Jo Mullins, DDS
Ms. Megan Mitchell, DDS
Ms. Rosalinda Garcia, HRC Parent
Mr. Mead Duley, HRC Client
Ms. Vianey Gomes, HRC Parent

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Czarske called the Board meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Czarske led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and welcomed Board members, guests and staff. Mr. Czarske asked the Board members and staff to introduce themselves.

Mr. Czarske advised that Mr. Rob Griffith, our independent auditor from AGT is here tonight and will present their audit report prior to our regular business meeting.

Mr. Czarske advised all present that there will be an opportunity for the Board to receive comments from the public immediately following the end of the Board's regular business meeting. Anyone present who wishes to address the Board during the public comment time should complete the Public Comment Request form and submit it to the Executive Assistant.

Mr. Czarske reminded Board members that our next Board meeting in February will be a training meeting in the Torrance Office.

Mr. Czarske asked the Board members to complete the date selection form for the June Board Retreat and Recognition Dinner that will be held on a Saturday in June here in the Torrance Office from 9 am to 2 pm followed by a recognition dinner later that evening and submit it to the

Executive Assistant after tonight's meeting.

Mr. Czarske announced that at this time we will move the Audit Committee report forward on our agenda for the convenience of our independent auditors.

AUDIT REPORT

In Mr. LaVelle Gates, Chair of our Audit Committee absence, Ms. Judy Wada advised that the Audit Committee had met with the independent auditors to review the draft report and then introduced Mr. Rob Griffith to the Board. Mr. Griffith of AGT presented to the Board the results of their audit of the Harbor Developmental Disabilities Foundation, Inc. for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The Board took the following action:

Mr. Gauthier moved to approve the Auditor's Report for Harbor Developmental Disabilities Foundation, Inc. and Dr. Sifuentes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Czarske advised that we will now proceed with our regular agenda.

The MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2019 BOARD MEETING were presented by Fu-Tien Chiou. There were no questions and the minutes were received and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Bergmann reviewed the following financial statements, which were received and filed: Harbor Regional Center Monthly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2019-20, dated October 19; Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures, dated October 2019; Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, dated October 19; Harbor Regional Center POS Contract Summary, October 19; Harbor Regional Center Monthly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2019-20, dated November 2019; Harbor Regional Center Functional Expenditures, dated November 19; Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, dated November 19 and the Harbor Regional Center POS Contract Summary, dated November 19.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

1. HOLIDAY WRAP UP:

Ms. Del Monico thanked the Board and all contributors to the Harbor Help Fund. Their support allowed the purchase of \$40,000 worth of Target and Ralph's gift certificates to be given to our neediest families during the holidays.

2. FY19/20 BUDGET UPDATE:

Ms. Del Monico reviewed with the Board the first "POS Expenditure Projection" or (PEP) for 2019/20 that was completed in December and shows the first look at a statewide projection for the current fiscal year. Discussion followed.

3. LEGISLATIVE ANALYST REPORT 2020-21: CALIFORNIA'S FISCAL OUTLOOK:

Ms. Del Monico provided the Board with a lengthy summary of the Legislative Analyst's "Fiscal Outlook" report. The report is an assessment of California's economic condition and is drafted to provide the Legislature with a planning document for budgeting purposes. Discussion followed.

4. GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FY 2020-21:

Ms. Del Monico referred the Board to the Governor's Budget Highlights handout and reviewed the main highlights in detail with the Board. The spending plan proposed for next fiscal year is a "stay in place" spending plan for regional centers and service providers who are struggling to meet the needs of clients as well as statutory and regulatory requirements.

5. DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES TASK FORCE AND WORKGROUPS:

Ms. Del Monico reported that the California Department of Developmental Services and California Health and Human Services Agency have announced that a total of 156 individuals from across the state have been selected as members of the Developmental Services (DS) Task Force. The DS Task Force will provide guidance on the delivery of developmental services to Californians who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. Ms. Del Monico announced that several Board members will serve on either the Task Force itself or at least one of the five workgroups. Discussion followed.

6. MEDI-CAL PROVIDER ENROLLMENTS:

Ms. Del Monico advised that the Department of Developmental Services will require all regional centers to enroll as MediCaid providers. Ms. Del Monico provided information as to the reason behind this new enrollment requirement and informed the Board HRC staff are completing the enrollment documents. Board members were requested to complete and return disclosure statements. Discussion followed.

7. PURCHASE OF SERVICE EXPENDITURE DATA:

Ms. Del Monico reported that the Lanterman Act requires the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and all Regional Centers to compile and distribute information regarding the purchase of regional center services by age, diagnosis, ethnicity, language and living arrangement. Harbor Regional Center posted the data as required and will present this data on March 26, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 pm at our Long Beach Office and on March 31, 2020 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at our Torrance Office. Ms. Del Monico also advised the Board and visitors that our staff will attend meetings of numerous parent groups as well as our Client Advisory and Service Provider Advisory Committees to present the data and to solicit input from all who attend. Ms. Del Monico encourages Board members and visitors to attend these public meetings.

8. DISPARITY PROPOSALS – PROGRESS REPORT:

Ms. Del Monico provided the Board with a progress report on the disparity projects HRC initiated last fiscal year and for which we are seeking continued funding from DDS to continue/enhance our efforts related to this initiative. In addition, HRC has received

copies of fourteen (14) proposals submitted by twelve (12) community-based organizations which are requesting funds for disparity initiatives in the HRC service area.

9. PRESENTATION:

There was no presentation this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ARCA

Mr. Czarske reported that ARCA has not met since October but will be meeting this month and he will provide a report at the March Board meeting.

B. BOARD DEVELOPMENT

No report at this time.

C. BOARD PLANNING

Ms. Vuong stated that the Board Planning Committee did not meet and there is nothing to report at this time.

D. CLIENT ADVISORY

Mr. Gauthier reported that the Client Advisory Committee did not meet since November and there is nothing to report at this time.

E. CLIENT SERVICES

Ms. Vuong stated that the Client Services Committee did not meet in December and there is nothing to report at this time.

F. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Dr. Sifuentes and Ms. Spiegel advised that the Committee met to discuss the successful outcomes of all the holiday giving campaigns.

G. HOPE

Mr. Irlen reported on HOPE's recent efforts to continue the purchase of properties.

H. RETIREMENT

Mr. Chiou advised there was no new report at this time.

I. SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY

On behalf of Mr. Sanz, Ms. Del Monico updated the Board on the current status of the program.

J. SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY

Mr. Quiroz reported that the committee met on December 3, 2019 and were updated on the rate study, the DDS task force, the Self-Determination Program, HCBS and Cal Fresh.

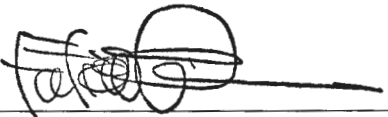
PUBLIC INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Czarske advised that public input was next on the agenda. He advised that the Board welcomes visitors and provides an opportunity for public comment at the end of each Board meeting. Up to 20 minutes are scheduled for the Board to receive comments from those in the audience and each person wishing to address the Board is requested to restrict their comments to 2 minutes in order to accommodate everyone.

Mr. Czarske indicated that no public comment forms were submitted, but advised that presenters seeking information or some response to an inquiry should leave their contact information for follow up by staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Czarske advised that there would be an executive session following the business meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Submitted by: 
Fu-Tien Chiou, Secretary
Harbor Developmental Disabilities
Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees