

**SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Campbell Office
February 17, 2015**

Presiding: Lisa Lopez

Board Members Present: Michele Alanis Jacob Atteberry
Maya Bareket Mitsuno Baurmeister
Debbie Ellis Jenna Hanecak
Mary Lu Gonzalez Troy Hernandez
Dr. Lori Riggio (via phone) Yessica Vega-Rincon

Board Members Absent: Barbara Altmann Jesse Lechuga

Staff Present: Robert Avery Lisa Dove
Angel Burnett Paula Kuntz
Mia Garza Lourdes González
Phien Phan Oscar Torres
Francisco Valenzuela Javier Zaldivar

Community Present: Cele Glover David Grady

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lisa Lopez Board President, called to order the regularly scheduled business meeting of San Andreas Regional Center at 6:09 p.m. Ms. Lisa Lopez also called attention to the note on the agenda stating that time is allowed for public input on any issue not included on the agenda (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4116). Self-introductions were made and the vision statement was read by Ms. Mary Lu Gonzalez.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C Moved to approve the following meeting minutes with one correction. (Atteberry/Baraket) No further discussions. All in favor. Motion carries.

1. Board Meeting Minutes - (1/20/15)
2. Fiscal Committee Meeting - (1/20/15)
3. Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – (1/28/15)
4. Program Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – No Minutes
5. Board Development Committee Meeting Minutes (2/3/15)
6. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – (2/3/15)
7. Quality Assurance Advisory Committee – (2/10/15)
8. People's Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – (2/10/15)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Lisa Lopez Board President informed the audience that to comply with the transparency regulations SARC has completed the Disparity Data presentations throughout our four counties. The total number of attendees was 30, an average of 10 per meeting.

Mr. Zaldivar indicated that in continuing the transparency effort they have scheduled an Intake orientation in partnership with Parents Helping Parents (PHP) for the parents later this month.

The first Vietnamese conference will be done on March 14, 2015 all in Vietnamese.

Mr. Zaldivar shared that the San Gabriel / Pomona regional center has launched an Employment Website there is a direct link to it from the SARC webpage. San Andreas will work with them to learn their process and provide the same service in our catchment area. This came about after President Obama signed the law where employees with developmental disability should be paid the same wage and no longer a sub-minimum wage. The law also mandates that agencies should spend 15% of their budget on vocational training for individuals and the American Job Centers should provide orientation.

New and Closing Programs

Mr. Robert Avery announced that there were no programs that closed, but there are 12 new services, 2 residential facilities are in San Jose.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Javier Zaldivar Executive Director stated that Santi's Hearing went well he was chosen as Director of the Department of Developmental Services 5 to 0 in favor. A brief video was shown where Senator Kevin De Leon asked Santi Rogers if he "was ready to serve", Santi's response was a resounding "yes I am here to serve and I never forget the power of one"

DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER SERVICES REPORT:

Mr. Javier Zaldivar gave an update on the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) that after being struck down, the Department's approved rate increase of 5.82% to the providers has been put on hold until a definite decision is made on the law.

In regards to the Parental Fee Program where children under 18 years old live outside of the home, the program was audited and some areas were found lacking.

- Parental fees are not assessed on time and it results in delayed billing and lost revenue.
- Few regional centers provide placement reports which delays assessments.
- Assessment of parental fees is inconsistent.

Some key recommendations to the program are:

- Legislature should require same information in the beginning as it does during appeals.
- Department should make process more efficient, consistent, and transparent.
- Department should ensure regional center compliance.
- Department should update policies and procedures that clarify management expectations.

Mr. Zaldivar presented a truncated version of the Disparity Data presentations that were given at the open forums.

He highlighted the:

- Purchase of Service Costs – paid by the regional center only
- Individuals by Diagnosis – Autism, Intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, 5th category, and other. Autism covers a huge area.
- Purchase of Service Approvals and Actual Expenditures by Ethnicity where ethnicity is self-selected by the individual.
- Co-Payment/Co-Insurance Reimbursements by Ethnicity

Mr. Zaldivar gave a summary of the feedback that was received from the presentations and will be incorporated into the report.

- Presentation dates were:
 - Santa Clara 1/21/2015
 - Santa Cruz 1/22/2015
 - Monterey County 1/28/2015
 - San Benito County 1/29/2015
- Total of 31 community members attended. 11, 10, 9, 1.
- Office of Clients Rights recommended that documents be translated in Spanish and Vietnamese.
- Fiesta Familiar recommended getting out and educating the community.
- Parents feel that SARC needs to be more open about services they rely more on other parents than the service coordinators for information.
- SARC needs to reassure parents that they are not a civil agency and will not report back if services are used to INS or other law enforcement agencies.
- Parents do not trust unknown individuals with their loved ones. Can SARC offer more vouchered programs to direct their own services? SARC does not have a voucher system anymore.
- Can SARC send reminder letters once in a while if a POS is not being used?
- Can SARC stop requesting financial and insurance information?
- SARC needs more professionals to work in various geographic regions as parents feel stuck with vendors when there is little or no choice.
- One issue that kept coming up at the presentations was housing, the individuals are requesting help with housing. Mr. Zaldivar stated that at one point the object was to have the individuals be inclusive in the community, but now there is a movement to have them apart in safe communities, the issue is will those communities meet the CMS (Center for Medicaid Services) regulations? Stay tuned.

- Parents asked why SARC can't step in to fill in those GAPS that they are not eligible for, such as public services.

Responses to the feedback:

- SARC is considering ways to attract more people such as partnering up with existing groups.
- SARC is embarking in a series of informational sessions.
 - Intake orientation 2/26/15
 - Vietnamese Conference 3/14/15
 - Spanish Conference 5/30/15
 - Spanish presentation for Greenfield group 2/20/15
 - Coffee Social at Campbell 2/19/15

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, SILICONE VALLEY / MONTEREY BAY

Mr. David Grady expressed his thanks to SARC for the various Disparity Data presentations on behalf of his organization. He asked for transition age family orientations. He also stated that the state council's work is to meet and carry out the 15 goals of the State Plan of 2012- 2016. It focuses in broad advocacy, employment, housing, and training policy makers. The SCDD is also working on the next State Plan 2016- 2021 by holding stakeholder meetings that will begin in March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FISCAL

POS (Non-CPP only)

Ms. Mary Lu Gonzalez Board member reported the Monthly Fiscal Summary. Purchase of Services for the month of December 2014 was \$22,107,193 and the Year-to-Date was \$145,259,705. The Fiscal Year Projection is \$302,772,154. The current allocation is \$281,029,313. The projected deficit is \$21,742,841.

Individuals Served

The number of individuals served as of December 31, 2014 was 14,886. This is an increase year-over-year of 346 since December 2013.

Operations (OPS)

Expenses for the month January 2015 were \$2,308,680 and the Year-to-Date was \$15,527,622. The Fiscal Year Projection is \$28,751,437. The allocation is \$29,196,558 projecting a surplus of \$445,121.

Current Year Cash Flow

The cash position through the end of December was \$39,987,228.

Donations Account

The balance in the Donation Fund through the end of January was \$156,947 this was a net increase of \$253 in January.

Medicaid Waiver Enrollment

The Enrollment as of the end of November was 6,743. The target for 2014-2015 is 6,814.

Two contracts were recommended to the Board for approval.

M/S/C Moved to approve the amendment to the Mission Bay contract where 10 transportation aide services were added.

(Hanecak/Bareket) No further discussions. Nine in favor. One Abstention (Debbie Ellis) Motion carries.

M/S/C Moved to approve the MOU extension of the Santa Clara County Office of Education for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

(Vega-Rincon/Atteberry) No further discussions. Nine in favor. One Abstention (Debbie Ellis) Motion carries.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Ms. Michele Alanis Committee Chair stated that the minutes were in the package.

M/S/C Moved to approve Mr. Jesse Lechuga to his second two-year term in Board. (Ellis/Baraket) No further discussions. All in favor. Motion carries.

PEOPLE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Mr. Francisco Valenzuela reported that he is working with the PACs on the Lanterman Act and preparing them for the Legislative Luncheon.

QUALITY ASSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Committee met and minutes are in the packet. Mr. Hernandez would like education on "Mental and Emotional Reactions" in the developmentally disabled community.

SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ms. Debbie Ellis SPAC chair announced that she met with Senator Beall and they are preparing a letter to legislators to sign on that will go into the subcommittee.

Ms. Ellis brought up four action items to renew terms for four SPAC members.

M/S/C Moved to approve the election of Mr. Ray Fierro to his third two-year term on SPAC.

(Lopez/Baraket) No further discussions. All in favor. Motion carries.

M/S/C Moved to approve the election of Ms. Debbie Ellis to her second two-year term on SPAC.

(Baraket/Vega-Rincon) No further discussions. All in favor. Motion carries.

M/S/C Moved to approve the election of Ms. Monica Pritchett to her second two-year term on SPAC.

(Baurmeister/Baraket) No further discussions. All in favor. Motion carries.

M/S/C Moved to approve the election of Mr. Wes Moss to his second two-year term on SPAC.

(Baraket/Hanecak) No further discussions. All in favor. Motion carries.

PROGRAM POLICY COMMITTEE

No report there will be a meeting in March.

ARCA

No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lisa Dove suggested an orientation for parents on "End of Life" housing, trusts, and medical issues.

BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Zaldivar passed out information on the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act signed by president Obama where individuals can have bank accounts up to \$14,000 and or \$100,000 over the life of the account.

Ms. Lisa Lopez shared that she and her family visited the Levy Stadium and had a great experience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 21, 2015 Rotary Club grand opening

March 4, Capitol Rally in support of Budget Sub-Committee hearings.

March 7, 2015 Parent Stress Workshop at Campbell

March 14, 2015 Vietnamese Conference.

March 18, 2015 Letter Writing Campaign

March 21, 2015 Parent Stress Workshop in Spanish in Salinas.

April 15, Grass Roots Day Sacramento

April 24, 2015 Legislative Luncheon key note speaker is Senator Bill Monning.
Press-conference afterward.

May 30, 2015 San Andreas Regional Center Services' Spanish Conference

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. by the President Ms. Lisa Lopez

Recording Secretary, Ms. Lourdes González

Submitted by,

Ms. Yessica Vega-Rincon, Board Secretary