

KERN REGIONAL CENTER

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Board of Directors Meeting

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

KRC Malibu Conference Room

3300 N. Sillect Avenue

Bakersfield, CA 93308

MINUTES

June 2, 2015

PRESENT: Lorie Stewart, Secretary Laurie Hughey, VAC Representative
Frank Meyer Nickole Mensch
Matthew LaGrand Quanah Mason
Veronica Quezada Rosita Barron

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Agenda dated June 2, 2015. **M/S/C** - - (Mensch, Hughey) (7/0/0) to approve agenda with the following changes:
- a. Item II: "Reconvene open session/Report on closed session" – removed.
 - b. Item V Section A, C, and D: Deferred until further discussion
 - c. The Nominating Committee will have a meeting prior the next board meeting.
 - d. Item IX: The Board is dark in July. The next Board Meeting is set for August 4th.
- B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held May 5, 2015. **No action taken.**

III. BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- a. Rosita Barron inquired about the cancellation of the Audit Finance Committee. Lorie Stewart explained that the meeting may have been cancelled due to the changes taking place at KRC. Lorie Stewart will follow up with Ismael Romero.
- b. Frank Meyer stated he would decide tonight whether there was any point in continuing with this board.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Matthew LaGrand spoke on his interest to become an ARCA CAC member.
- B. Maria Salinas asked the board if they were willing to meet with the Union. Lorie Stewart stated Frank Meyer suggested having some board members be more involved with issues dealing with the Kern Regional Center.
- C. Melvina Mull presented cards to Lorie Stewart from staff, clients and families.
- D. Dian Schneider announced H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection's first annual Summer Family Fun Daze on June 20, 2015 at Shriners' Noble Park. Flyers were provided for the public.
- E. Iman Killebrew detailed the importance of having everyone on the same team to serve the mission of the Regional Center.

F. Marlene Donahue expressed her interest to serve on the Board.

V. **ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS – BOARD ACTIVITIES**

- A. Consideration of Appointment of Developmental Services Support Foundation Board of Directors (Action as Sole Member of DSSF)
 - a. Deferred until further notice.
- B. Replacement of Jon Gusman as Pension Trustee
 - a. The board discussed forming a Pension Committee. Frank Meyer recommended Rosita Barron and Ismael Romero.
 - b. Lorie Stewart suggested deferring this to the Nominating Committee.
 - c. Maria Salinas informed that the current staff Pension Committee would be willing to engage with the Board’s Pension Committee, once formed.
 - d. Frank Meyer motions to establish a Pension Committee within the Board. .
M/S/C - - (Meyer, Mensch)
- C. Nomination and Vote for Board President
 - a. Deferred until further notice.
- D. Private Letter Ruling
 - a. Deferred until further notice.

VI. **ACTION AND DISUCSSION ITEMS – KRC ACTIVITIES**

- A. Budget Update and Financial Report – KRC budget and financial Report pertaining to the delivery of developmental services. Audit/Finance Committee. (Information)

VII. **REPORTS:**

A. **Board President Report**

- a) Lorie Stewart read Steve Esselman and Jeremy Shumaker’s letter of resignation.
- b) Lorie Stewart informed the public of the approximated four to five openings and provided information on how to submit a letter of interest. Letters of interest should be submitted to 3200 N. Sillect Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93308, to the attention of Lorie Stewart.

B. **Executive Committee Report** (No Report)

C. **KRC CEO Report**

- a. Robert Riddick thanked Lorie Stewart for leading the Board Meeting. Robert Riddick is currently working at both Kern Regional Center and Central Valley Regional Center. He will officially be with Kern Regional Center full time as of July. Robert will be assisting and supporting the case management process. Robert informed that there was a deficit and he would be working with Jon Gusman to resolve those issues. Robert spoke on the Ten for Ten Lanterman Coalition. The Governor did not include any adjustments in the proposal. Lorie Stewart pointed out that Robert Riddick has been working with Regional Centers for 43 years. Robert Riddick further explained his roll at Kern Regional Center. Robert is assessing Kern Regional Center and will be working for the Department of Developmental Services.

He informed that all back logged transfers have been processed as of this point as a first order of business.

D. Vendor Advisory Committee Report

a. Laurie Hughey welcomed Robert Riddick to Kern Regional Center and informed that the next Vendor Advisory Committee would be held on July 28th at 10:00 am.

E. Board Policy Review Task Force Committee Report (No Report)

F. Legislative Report (Incorporated into C.E.O.'s Report)

G. People First Report

a. Matthew Lagrand reported that there will be a People First conference in Fresno, CA on June 12th, 13th and 14th at the Double Tree. Roy Rocha reported that it starts at 3:00 pm on Friday.

H. State Council on Developmental Disabilities Reports

a. Joe Bowling and Vicky Smith offered to be of assistance, if needed, to aid in Robert's process at Kern Regional Center. Vicky updated the Board on the Self Determination Committee. Cherylle Mallinson and Celia Pinal have been working with the Area Board Members to establish this committee. They are still looking for candidates. The application can be found on the State Council website. The State Council continues to do it's State Plan Survey and encourages individuals to provide their input. The link for the survey can be found on the State Council website at www.SCDD.ca.gov. If anyone needs help filling these out, they can contact the State Council offices.

I. Affordable Housing Committee (ASPIRE)

a. Beth Himelhock reported that they met with the developers; Los Angeles is moving forward with the purchase agreement for a 3 acre parcel. This project is moving forward after five years. The parcel will cost \$1.5 million. The building will cost \$15 million. Within two years, they should have a 72 unit apartment complex serving seniors and KRC population.

J. Client Services Report

a. Laura Campos-Hughes introduced herself in both English and Spanish. She has been with KRC for three weeks and looks forward to working with the agency.

K. KRC Staff Report (No Report)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Matthew Lagrand mentioned the need of a Board President; Lorie Stewart added that any Board member interested in the position should forward a letter of interest to Lorie or Ismael Romero. The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at the Malibu room. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.