

KERN REGIONAL CENTER
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting



5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Board Room
3300 N. Sillect Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Kern Regional Center
3200 N. Sillect Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93308

MINUTES
April 3, 2012

PRESENT: Terrail Lott, Treasurer
Emily Greenwood
Ashlee O'Brien
Matthew LaGrand
Amy Simpson

ABSENT: David Marcus (excused), Iman Killebrew (excused), Susan Lara (excused), Angela Pierucci (excused), Richard Stotler (excused), and Dr. Shanna Treanor (excused)

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Ashlee O'Brien, acting president, at approximately 5:34 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

A. **Self Introduction:** Self-introductions were made in the room. In addition to Board members present as listed above, other attendees included Jessica Scibilia and Janet Clark of ABC Psychological Services, Maria Pena of DDS, Sandra Marquez, accompanying Amy Simpson, Paula Johnson, accompanying Matthew LaGrand, Eric Greenwood, accompanying Emily Greenwood, and KRC staff members: Yadi Camorlinga, Virginia Gantong, Jon Gusman, Duane Law, Vicki Li, Diane Macchi, Susan Madigan, Jeff Popkin, Freddie Opheim, Sarah Swanlund, Juan Vieyra, and Pam Woodruff.

B. **Approval of Agenda:** M/s/c--- (Lott/LaGrand) to accept the agenda with one addition III.(C) suggested by Duane Law. (4-0-0)

C. **Approval of Minutes of April 3, 2012 as Attachment I** M/s/c---(Lott/LaGrand) to approve the minutes as written. (4-0-0)

D. **Public Comment** Terrail Lott informed the Board that David Mensch broke the record by his marching quest to Sacramento. He even managed to meet with the Governor. David Marcus, a Board member, will be undergoing a surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. A get well wish plant from the Board and KRC staffs will be delivered to David during his

recovery. Matthew LaGrand expressed his appreciation by saying that California is the best state for people with developmental disabilities. He further added that every effort should be made to keep the Lanterman Act alive. Terrail Lott also reported that the director for People First has stepped down recently and Terrail Lott might be interested in pursuing that position.

II. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS - BOARD ACTIVITIES:

- A. **ARCA Report** - Duane Law attended his first ARCA meeting with other RC directors in Ontario mid March. All discussions were about the current financial issues. Overall, it was a very positive experience per Duane.
- B. **April 18 ARCA Grassroots Day** - A number of folks will be going to Sacramento to meet with our legislators to communicate any concerns. Jeff Popkin is to coordinate this annual event for Kern.
- C. **Review of Contracts** - As John Noriega is absent, this item is to be tabled till next Board meeting in May
 - o **Delano Assn. for the Developmentally Disabled**
 - o **Valley Achievement Center**
 - o **New Vision for Independence**

Checklists and contracts attached.

III. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS - KRC ACTIVITIES:

- A. **Budget Update and Financial Report** - Jon Gusman reported that we just received the latest contract amendment in late March. Only \$70 million total, short of \$50 million, was released into the system. It is expected that the shortage of \$50 million will be released in a later date. On the other hand, the operation budget is on target. Questions were asked of Jon Gusman regarding the disposal of surplus, if any, by the end of the fiscal year. Jon Gusman replied that the surplus money, if any, will be returned to the state which might be used to cover other regional centers' budget shortfall.
- B. **KRC Building Update** - It is done. The move went smoothly.
- C. **A Glimpse of KRC** - Duane Law stated that at the March ARCA meeting in Ontario, Richard Stotler, Vice-President of the Board of Directors, asked if KRC would provide to the Board each time a small glimpse of each department's ongoing business. In response to Richard Stotler's suggestion, Duane Law asked Jeff Popkin to present briefly on "federal funding" which plays an increasingly important role to our funding sources. For fiscal year 2011-12, total federal financial participation (FFP) is projected to be \$1.7 billion, representing 44.4% of the overall DDS budget. There are 4 major sources:
 - Home and Community-based Services Waiver (HCBS)
 - Title XX, Social Security Block Grant
 - Targeted Case Management
 - Early Start Grant (Part C)

IV. **REPORTS:** (Reports will be made only from groups that have met and/or have items to share)

- a) President's Report - none given.
- b) Legislative Report - the primary issue remains to be the budget.
- c) People First of Kern County Report - Terrail Lott reported that so far there are about 300 people (40 from Bakersfield) who plan to attend the June Conference. There will be various workshops available at the conference.
- d) Area Board Reports - none given.
- e) Vendor Advisory Committee - none given.
- f) Executive Committee Report - none given.
- g) Foundation Report - none given.
- h) Foster Grandparent Progress Report - Ashlee O'Brien, Board representative to FGP, stated that she has met with Melissa Searson who showed her the program and she is looking forward to working closely with Melissa Searson.
- i) Affordable Housing Committee (ASPIRE) - Duane Law stated that he attended the ASPIRE meeting last week and is looking forward to working closely with the ASPIRE group in order to help improve clients' independence.
- j) Client Services Report - Virginia Gantong reported now that the move is over, she will be working jointly with Diane Macchi on the effective use of the building spaces in order to make rooms for file storage.

The 6th annual Celebracion will be held at DoubleTree on Saturday, 4/28. Registration is required. So far there are 240 registrations and the keynote speaker is Dr. French on the subject of her struggles with disabilities.
- k) KRC Staff Report - Susan Madigan, one of the KRC staff members in attendance, expressed her appreciation for the opportunity provided to participate in SWOC, an invitation extended to all staffs by Duane Law to express their assessments/opinions on KRC in general. Duane Law responded that it has been a good exercise.

V. **Adjournment** There have been no further business, **M/s/c---**(Lott/LaGrand) to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. (4-0-0)

David Marcus, Interim Secretary

ACTION LOG

April 3, 2012

1. M/s/c---(Lott/LaGrand) to accept the agenda with the addition. (4-0-0)
2. M/s/c---(Lott/LaGrand) to approve the minutes as presented. (4-0-0)
3. M/s/c---(Lott/LaGrnd) to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. (4-0-0)