

KERN REGIONAL CENTER

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Board of Directors Meeting

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

KRC Malibu Conference Room

3300 N. Sillect Ave.

Bakersfield, CA 93308

MINUTES

February 26, 2019

Present Board Members:

Oscar Axume

Nickole Mensch

Mitzi Villalon

Jasmeet Bains, MD

Martin Vasquez

Quanah Mason

Raymond McCaslin

Ryan Jones

Mark Tolentino

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Executive Session

2. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. by Oscar Axume. It was determined that a quorum was present.

3. Approval/Additions to Agenda

A. Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Agenda dated February 26, 2019.

M/S/C – (Mason/Mensch) to approve agenda. 8-0-0.

4. Meeting Minute Approval

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held January 22, 2019.

M/S/C – (Villalon/Mason) to approve minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors with one correction: Change 1) Section 10: A – Vendor Meeting, not Luncheon. Change 2) Officer of the Day to contact the Crisis Team. 8-0-0.

5. Public Input

A. **Damian Bowden, Special Explorers**, expressed concerns over items 11C and 11D of the agenda. Mr. Bowden has concerns that the service description and new qualification requirements for the staff providing the services will make the service less accessible to consumers. Mr. Bowden stated that he closed his daycare due to only having received one referral during his time in business and does not wish to be re-classified because he feels that the services he provides go beyond what a day care center would provide.

B. **Jennifer Feige, County Counsel and Parent**, comes from Los Angeles, where there are a lot of services available for consumers. There is a shortage of daycare service providers and socialization training programs in Kern County. Ms. Feige has experienced difficulties in locating appropriate services for her son. She would like to

return to discuss this matter when Cherylle Mallinson is present. She does not feel the proposals (items 11C and 11D) are in consumer's best interests.

- C. **Joe Correa, Special Explorers**, visited the website and noticed the mission statement, he does not feel that the changes to the socialization program abide by the mission statement. He requested that the Board really look into how this change is going to affect the consumers and families. He suggested that the Board speak to parents and visit the programs.
- D. **Janisa Harris, Parent**, had to contact service coordinator after she heard of the changes and ask if what she had been hearing from service providers was true. These changes will affect Ms. Harris and her daughter. Ms. Harris feels that Kern Regional Center makes parents and clients work hard for their services. Ms. Harris expressed concern over receiving late notices regarding Regional Center events. She asked that the Board speak to parents and vendors to learn how these changes will affect families.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS **REPORTS**

6. Board President Report

A. Appointment of New Board Member

- a. The nominating committee met with and interviews Martin Vasquez. They are recommending his appointment to the Board.

M/S/C – (Mason/Bains) to appoint Martin Vasquez to the Board of Directors. 8-0-0.

- b. Martin Vasquez is from Delano, CA. He worked with the United Farm Workers association. He has been seeking opportunities to be of service to the community. He hopes he can be of service through the Board.

B. Recommending Amending Bylaws

- a. Jasmeet Bains, MD, presented the changes to the Bylaws. Some changes include the number of Directors, special meetings can now be called by three members, an attendance clause has been added. See **Attachment 1** for proposed Bylaws.
- b. The Bylaw committee will be looking for a motion to approve the changes at the March Board Meeting.

7. Client Representative

- a. Roy Rocha invited the community to join the Client Advisory Committee this Thursday from 10:00 am to noon.
- b. Roy drew names of vendors from a box. The names he pulled are the vendors he will be reaching out to to attend Grassroots day in April. The names drawn were TIL and AIMES. NAPD was pulled as the alternate.
- c. Roy brought two clients to the Board Meeting to observe the proceedings. They will be informing Roy if they are interested in becoming Board Members. If so, they will submit their letter of interest.

8. Financial Report

- a. Tom Wolfram provided the financial reported. Please see **Attachment 2**.
- b. This report is as of January 31st, 2019.
- c. Purchase of Service allocations are \$186,249,000. To date, KRC has spent \$93,559,000. We anticipate to spend \$160 million by the end of the fiscal year.
- d. KRC's total Operation's Budget is \$21,110,000; other incomes bring the total allocations to \$21.9 million (CPP, Foster Grandparent, Misc.).

- e. A projected balance of \$66,572. Last month there was a projected deficit of \$100,000.

9. Executive Director's Report

- a. Michi informed the Board that Kern has scheduled the public meetings for Disparity, which are required by the State for every Regional Center. The first meeting will be held March 14th at the Delano office. The second meeting will be held on March 20th at the Bakersfield office. The Bishop meeting will be held March 27th. The Ridgecrest meeting will be held on March 28th. All meetings will start at 5:30 pm. Additional information can be found on the website.
- b. The lease for the Bishop office has been signed. KRC is working on furnishing the office.
- c. DDS Caseload Ratio Survey will be due in March. The data will be ran on March 1st. There are legislative caseload ratio requirements. Kern, last year, had the worst caseload ratio. Michi will report the results back to the Board after they run the data on March 1st.
- d. The Spring Survey is also due to the State in March. This helps DDS predict the budget for the coming year. This is required of all Regional Centers.
- e. KRC has two audits coming up for Adult Foster Family Homes as well as for Early Start.
- f. The two presentations for the Rate Study are coming up this week. Cherylle Mallinson is participating in person. Mitzi Villalon has also offered to participate. The rate study is being provided by Burns and Associates. The rate proposal is over 2,000 pages long. They will be gathering community input until March 22nd. Mitzi and Cherylle are creating a template that will be posted on the KRC website to gather input for the rate survey.
- g. SEIU and KRC were scheduled to have arbitration on March 11th. Both parties have agreed to further postpone the arbitration to July 1st and 2nd.

10. Vendor Advisory Committee

- a. Mitzi requested for a motion to approve the Roster for the Vendor Advisory Committee.
M/S/C – (Bains/Mensch) to approve the Roster for the VAC. 8-0-1 (Villalon).
- b. The Vendor Advisory Committee did not meet this month. The next meeting will be March 26th.
- c. Celia and her team have worked very hard to resolve some of the items brought up at the last meeting.
- d. There is a Self Determination meeting on March 11th in this room.
- e. There will be a KRC vendor fair on March 12th in this room.
- f. A community vendor fair/fitness fair is being worked on for May 11th.
- g. November 8th will be the Vendor Luncheon.

11. People First

- a. People First voted on a new president three weeks ago. The new president is Ashley.
- b. People First will be holding a yard sale to help make money for kids to purchase school supplies. The yards sale will be held March 22nd at Positive Purpose.

12. Staff Report

A. Respite Needs Assessment

- a. Shannon Thompson and Andrew Ante gave a presentation to the Board last week. The Board motions to approve the Respite Needs Assessment Guide, as presented.

M/S/C – (Bains/Mensch) to approve the Respite Needs Assessment Guideline. 9-0-0.

B. Self Determination

- a. Tabled until next Board Meeting.

C. Community Placement Plan/Community Resource Development Plan Update

- a. Tabled until next Board Meeting.

D. Day Care/Dependent Care POS

- a. Tabled until next Board Meeting.

E. Service Standards - Social Skills Training Update

- a. Tabled until next Board Meeting.

BOARD TRAINING

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

- a. Meeting is adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26th, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Malibu Conference Room at the Kern Regional Center.

Note: Requests for a disability related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to attend or participate in a meeting should be made to the Administrative Assistant during regular business hours at 661-852-3360.

Respectfully submitted: _____

Eva Rocha

Action Items:

M/S/C - (Mason/Mensch) to approve agenda. 8-0-0.

M/S/C - (Villalon/Mason) to approve minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of January 22, 2019, with one correction: Change 1) Section 10: A – Vendor Meeting, not Luncheon. Change 2) Officer of the Day to contact the Crisis Team. 8-0-0.

M/S/C - (Mason/Bains) to appoint Martin Vasquez to the Board of Directors. 8-0-0.

M/S/C - (Bains/Mensch) to approve the Roster for the VAC. 8-0-1 (Villalon).

M/S/C - (Bains/Mensch) to approve the Respite Needs Assessment Guideline. 9-0-0.