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
June 5, 2012

PRESENT: Susan Lara, President
Richard Stotler, Vice-President
Terrail Lott, Treasurer
Ashlee O'Brien, Secretary
Iman Killebrew
Matthew La Grand
David Marcus

ABSENT: Emily Greenwood (excused), Angela Pierucci (excused), and Amy Simpson (excused)

I. **CALL TO ORDER**: The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. by Susan Lara. It was determined that a quorum was present.

A. **Self Introduction:** Self-introductions were made around the table. In addition to Board members listed above, in attendance were Paula Johnson, Frank Meyer (parent), and KRC staff members: Jenny Ainsworth, Cynthia Bailey, Maddie Dircks, Abel Fierro, Jon Gusman, Susan Hernandez, Duane Law, Vicki Li, Diane Macchi, John Noriega, Fredine Opheim, Jeffrey Popkin, and Juan Vieyra.

B. **Approval of Agenda: M/s/c---** (Killebrew/La Grand) to approve the agenda as prepared. (5-0-0). Failure to post the contract 15 days before the Board meets prevented John Noriega from adding onto the agenda one more contract for Board's review. This was in strict compliance with the Board policy. Also the very first contract on the agenda, Positive Purpose, was tabled since contract information was not available at the time when Board packets were mailed.

C. **Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2012 as Attachment I: M/s/c---** (Lott/Marcus) to approve the minutes as written. (5-0-0)

D. **Public Comment:** Terrail Lott informed the Board that he started a shoe shine business recently. We wish him success in his new business venture. David Marcus reported that he is progressing well with his health.

II. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS – BOARD ACTIVITIES:

A. ARCA Report – As Richard Stotler, KRC delegate to ARCA meetings, will be joining the meeting later this evening, no report at this time.

B. Proposal to Cancel July 3 Board Meeting and to Replace with a Board Meeting in August – M/s/c---(Marcus/Killebrew) to accept the proposal to meet in August to replace July meeting. (5-0-0) The Board has been meeting in August, instead of July, for a couple of years, because of the fact that by August we might have a better picture of what the budget looks like. So August 7 it is.

C. Approval of Amended POS Policy – Adult Vocational or Day Activity Program – Jeff Popkin stated that the Board has actually approved this policy in December 2011. However, we were requested by DDS to incorporate current Title 17 language for better clarification. There is no change in policy other than specific language clarification. **M/s/c**---(O'Brien/Lott) to approve the amended POS policy. (5-0-0)

D. Review of Contracts – Many probing questions from the floor were made and addressed for each contract review. Duane commented that we always welcome challenging questions concerning the variances among the contracts. As part of our ongoing systematic overhaul, it is hopeful that all of these concerns/challenges will be mitigated in the end.

- **Positive Purpose** – As stated in the beginning of the meeting, this item was tabled till next meeting due to failure to meet the 15 day time requirement before contract can be approved.
- **BARC – Customized Employment – M/s/c**---(Killebrew/Lott) to approve the contract as presented. (5-0-0)
- **Community Support Options, Inc. – Cardiff – M/s/c**---(Marcus/La Grand) to approve the contract as presented. (4-0-1) Iman Killebrew's business involvement in supported living as a KRC vendor has thus precluded her from casting the vote.
- **Community Support Options, Inc. – Cheshire – M/s/c**---(O'Brien/Marcus) to approve the contract as presented. (4-0-1) Iman Killebrew's business involvement in supported living as a KRC vendor has thus precluded her from casting the vote.
- **Community Support Options, Inc. – Mariposa – M/s/c**---(Lott/La Grand) to approve the contract as presented. (4-0-1) Iman Killebrew's business involvement in supported living as a KRC vendor has thus precluded her from casting the vote.
- **New Vision for Independence SLS – M/s/c**---(Marcus/La Grand) to approve the contract as presented. (4-0-1) Iman Killebrew's business involvement in supported living as a KRC vendor has thus precluded her from casting the vote.
- **Kern County Superintendent of Schools – Afterschool Program – M/s/c**---(Marcus/Lott) to approve the contract as presented. (5-0-1) Richard Stotler abstained.
- **Lighthouse Christian School – Afterschool Program – M/s/c**---(Killebrew/Lott) to approve the contract as presented. (6-0-0)
- **Positive Directions #7 – Specialized Residential Facility – M/s/c**---(Marcus/La Grand) to approve the contract as presented. (5-0-1) Iman

Killebrew's business involvement in supported living as a KRC vendor has thus precluded her from casting the vote.

- **Positive Directions #9 – Specialized Residential Facility – M/s/c**---(Stotler/O'Brien) to approve the contract as presented. (5-0-1) Iman Killebrew's business involvement in supported living as a KRC vendor has thus precluded her from casting the vote.
- **DADD – Transportation – M/s/c**---(Marcus/Killebrew) to approve the contract as presented. (6-0-0)
- **SVS Employ America – Transportation – M/s/c**---(Killebrew/Marcus) to approve the contract as presented. (6-0-0)
- **Express Transit – Transportation – M/s/c**---(Marcus/Killebrew) to approve the contract as presented. (5-1-0) Richard Stotler opposed against the approval of the contract.
- **DART – Transportation – M/s/c**---(Marcus/Lott) to approve the contract as presented. (6-0-0)
- **BARC Transportation – M/s/c**---(Lott/La Grand) to approve the contract as presented. (6-0-0)

III. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS – KRC ACTIVITIES:

A. Budget Update and Financial Report – Jon Gusman distributed copies of KRC financial reports. Seems that we will be able to meet the operations budget by year end. Even better news is that KRC, with sufficient cash, does not need to borrow via line of credit. However, the POS budget for KRC remains in a deficit from $11.3 to $10.7 million. Overall, the POS budget deficit is a universal problem experienced by all regional centers.

B. A Glimpse of KRC – John Noriega This item was tabled till next meeting due to time strain.

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

a) President's Report – There were 2 people in attendance who are interested in serving the Board. Thus, Susan Lara has asked each of them to introduce themselves to the Board.

- Frank Meyer has a daughter who is a KRC client. Out of gratitude for KRC's support for his daughter/family over the last 25 years, he expressed his interest to serve the Board to make positive contributions. Jenny Ainsworth has been the SC for his daughter for the past 8 years. Frank Meyer is currently employed as a teacher at Liberty High School.

- Cynthia Bailey, currently on sabbatical leave, will soon be retiring from her position as Program Manager at Kern Regional Center effective July 6, 2012. After retirement, she wishes to continue her

efforts working with people with developmental disabilities in a different capacity. In addition to helping out with People First, she would like to be able to join the Board. She believes that her over 30 years of case management experiences will certainly help make some positive impact on the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

Susan Lara, President, suggested that an executive meeting will follow after the conclusion of the regular meeting to discuss the Board membership issue. She further stated that anyone who is interested in serving the Board is welcome to let the Board know.

b) Legislative Report – Jeff Popkin reported to the Board what is coming from the horizon in terms of legislation. Overall, the regional center system is doing well, funding wise, comparing with other services.

c) People First of Kern County Report – Terrail Lott reported that the People First Conference is taking place this coming weekend at the DoubleTree Hotel. We expect our CEO, Duane Law, and Mayor Hall there. Overall, there will probably be some 200 folks attending from all over the state.

d) Vendor Advisory Committee – Iman Killebrew stated that there was one issue voiced at the committee meeting concerning qualifications of vendors managing group homes for CPP clients. She suggested that the interview panel needs to have more discriminating eyes in selecting "qualified" vendors with applicable experiences.

e) Executive Committee Report – Susan Lara, President, explained to the Board that the Board Executive Committee met twice in the month of May in response to 2 situations of an emergency nature. The first meeting was held on May 7 concerning drafting a letter in response to the deficit. However, the letter was never sent. The second meeting took place on May 17 regarding an emergency vendorization. Meeting minutes were taken and filed.

f) Foundation Report – none given.

g) Foster Grandparent Progress Report – Ashlee O'Brien reported that FGP is in the process of surveying in an effort to identify potential candidates for the program.

h) Affordable Housing Committee (ASPIRE) – none given.

i) Client Services Report – none given as Virginia Gantong was out.

j) KRC Staff Report – none given.

V. <u>Adjournment</u> There being no further business, **M/s/c**---(Marcus/Lott) to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m. (6-0-0) Executive meeting to follow.

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Ashlee O'Brien, Secretary

ACTION LOG

June 5, 2012

1. M/s/c---(Killebrew/La Grand) to accept the agenda as presented. (5-0-0)
2. M/s/c---(Lott/Marcus) to approve the minutes as written. (5-0-0)
3. M/s/c---(Marcus/Killebrew) to cancel July 3 Board Meeting and to replace with a Board Meeting on August 7. (5-0-0)
4. M/s/c---(O'Brien/Lott) to approve the amended POS policy. (5-0-0)
5. M/s/c---(Killebrew/Lott) to approve the contract as presented. (5-0-0)
6. M/s/c---(Marcus/La Grand) to approve the contract as presented. (4-0-1)
7. M/s/c---(O'Brien/Marcus) to approve the contract as presented. (4-0-1)
8. M/s/c---(Lott/La Grand) to approve the contract as presented. (4-0-1)
9. M/s/c---(Marcus/La Grand) to approve the contract as presented. (4-0-1)
10. M/s/c---(Marcus/Lott) to approve the contract as presented. (5-0-1)
11. M/s/c---(Killebrew/Lott) to approve the contract as presented. (6-0-0)
12. M/s/c---(Marcus/La Grand) to approve the contract as presented. (5-0-1)
13. M/s/c---(Stotler/O'Brien) to approve the contract as presented. (5-0-1)
14. M/s/c---(Marcus/Killebrew) to approve the contract as presented. (6-0-0)
15. M/s/c---(Killebrew/Marcus) to approve the contract as presented. (6-0-0)
16. M/s/c---(Marcus/Killebrew) to approve the contract as presented. (5-1-0)
17. M/s/c---(Marcus/Lott) to approve the contract as presented. (6-0-0)
18. M/s/c---(Lott/La Grand) to approve the contract as presented. (6-0-0)
19. M/s/c---(Marcus/Lott) to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. (6-0-0)