

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
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MINUTES
March 6, 2012

PRESENT: Susan Lara, President
Richard Stotler, Vice President
Terrail Lott, Treasurer
David Marcus, Interim Secretary
Emily Greenwood
Iman Killebrew
Matthew LaGrand
Amy Simpson
Dr. Shanna Treanor

ABSENT: Ashlee O'Brien (excused) and Angela Pierucci (excused)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Susan Lara, President of the Board of Directors. It was determined that a quorum was present. Self-introductions were made in the room. In addition to Board members present, as stated above, other attendees included Lisa Jo Epkins, Paula Johnson, Grace Huerta, Ramon Huerta, Greg Rhoten, Julianna Gaines, Wilma Sweany, Wes Neal, Jill Eglund of Arts Council of Kern, Psyche Madden of AIMES, people for Inclusion Films Bakersfield: Dale Oprandy, Jo O'Meara, Amy Shawn, Lisa Chestnutt, Dian Schneider, Nick Schneider, Jamie Johnson, Jeremy Pecoff, Bradley Lewis, Lester Gibson, Lorraine Gibson, Jessie Gibson, Edgar Roman, Mr. & Mrs. Roman, Ted Coleman, Caleb Agold, and Sharon Agold, and KRC staffs: Mary Abel, Jenny Ainsworth, Yadi Camorlinga, Tonia Cody, Monica Damian, Jane Fleming, Blanca Gamboa, Virginia Gantong, Tamara Harney, Susan Hernandez, Jon Gusman, Duane Law, Vicki Li, Diane Macchi, Amy McNinch, Jennifer Mullen, John Noriega, Celia Pinal, Jeffrey Popkin, Cindy Rodriguez, Misti Royal, Maria Solano, Kristen Sodergren, and Pam Woodruff.

- A. Introduction of New CEO:** Susan Lara, on behalf of the Board, made a brief welcome speech to introduce Duane A. Law to the general public as this was Mr. Law's first Board meeting. A welcome cake for this special occasion was shared by all. Mr. Law expressed his gratitude for the opportunity working with Kern Regional Center staffs, clients/families, and vendors from the community. He stated that he was looking forward to meeting and getting to know all as time goes on.

- B. **Approval of Agenda: M/s/c---**(Treanor/Lott) to accept the agenda as presented. (8-0-0)
- C. **Approval of Minutes of Feb. 7, 2012 as Attachment I M/s/c---**(Stotler/Marcus) to approve the minutes as prepared. (8-0-0)
- D. **Public Comment**
 - David Marcus distributed copies of an article that he contributed in *The Bakersfield Californian* sharing his unique experience as a person with special needs with people in the community.
 - Susan Lara announced the success and the various upcoming events from the League of Dreams. March 18 will start the spring training and the first game will take place on March 21.
 - Susan Lara also informed the Board regarding David Mensch, who has cerebral palsy, and his race to Sacramento on 3/30 in an effort to raise money and the awareness of people with special needs.
 - Terrail Lott said that he had taken on basketball again.
 - Grace Huerta informed the Board of the upcoming Celebracion Conference scheduled for April 28.
 - Matthew LaGrand expressed that he was pleased with the opportunity to serve the Board.
 - Diane Macchi shared with the Board the sad news regarding the recent passing of Kellee LaMar who worked one time as a program manager at KRC.

II. **ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS - BOARD ACTIVITIES:**

- A. **Review of Contracts -**
 - **KCSOS Early Intervention Assessments M/s/c---**(Treanor/Marcus) to approve the contract as presented. (8-0-0)
 - **The Loft M/s/c---**(Treanor/Lott) to approve the contract as presented. (7-0-1) Iman Killebrew, a vendor representative, abstained due to her "vendor" status involving in supported living area.
 - **Nankil Ent. DBA Riverlakes #2 M/s/c---**(Marcus/Stotler) to approve the contract as presented. (7-0-1) Iman Killebrew, a vendor representative, abstained due to her "vendor" status involving in supported living area.
 - **Inclusion Films Bakersfield:** A video was shown at the meeting to highlight the many positive experiences/impacts participants would enjoy when enrolling at the Inclusion Films workshop. Extensive discussions of pros and cons were made, especially in light of our current budgetary woes. Dale Oprandy informed the Board that based on his experiences at Lanterman Regional Center, this film workshop was able to help about 15% of the graduates to be employed in the film industry and another 15% in local restaurant industry. Dale Oprandy further told the Board that Matthew LaGrand was one of their "shining" graduates. However, Richard Stotler pleaded that due to the uncertainty of funds to be allotted to KRC in the bleak future, as a responsible Board member, we need to be in due diligence in reviewing and approving any contract.

There are a few crucial amendments suggested by the Board regarding the contract languages. John Noriega is to follow up to make sure all the amended languages are incorporated into the contract. **M/s/c---** (Marcus/Lott) to accept the contract as amended. (7-1-0) Richard Stotler voted against accepting the contract as presented.

III. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS - KRC ACTIVITIES:

- A. Budget Update and Financial Report** - Jon Gusman distributed copies of KRC Financial Report. Again, we are anticipating "cash flow" problem. However, a line of credit has been secured in preparation for any cash shortfall problem.
- B. KRC Building Update** - The third and last phase of the building renovation is completed. Thus our last move took place on March 5. Diane Macchi stated that she had spoken with the Foundation liaison who informed her that the Foundation might be able to help with the purchases of some office furniture. This proposition is yet to be confirmed.
- C. Fair Hearing and SIR Updates** (with attachments) - Jeff Popkin made a brief presentation on fair hearing and SIR status. Every quarter the Board will be updated concerning client safety issues.

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

- a) President's Report - Susan Lara brought up 3 items from last month's meeting:
 - 1. Building dedication per suggestion by Barry Rosenfeld - the Board will make a recommendation which will be on next Board meeting's agenda and forward the recommendation to the Foundation Board;
 - 2. Suggestion box from staffs to the Board - this suggestion was declined. Susan Lara explained that it is not the Board's intention or proper role to undercut KRC management and/or the CEO by direct communication with staff members. KRC employees are encouraged to continue to using the proper channel to voice their opinions, ideas, and/or concerns.
 - 3. Once the union contract is ratified, it needs to be posted.
- b) Legislative Report - Not a lot of activities as this is the second year of a 2 year session. On the other hand, ARCA Grassroots Day falls on April 18. It is highly recommended that new faces participate in this annual event communicating with our legislators regarding our ideas and issues. Jeff Popkin will need a list of attendees as soon as possible. If interested, please let Jeff know so that prior arrangements can be made.
- c) People First of Kern County Report - Terrail Lott reported that he and Roy Rocha attended a workshop. All talks were centered on budgetary cuts.
- d) Area Board Reports - Vicki Smith informed the Board the various activities planned and it is hopeful to see more involvement from KRC staffs. Also, their

Board meeting will take place in June at Mammoth. The one day Self-Advocacy conference is scheduled for June 2.

- e) Vendor Advisory Committee - Iman Killebrew, the newly elected Chair, reported that the current emphasis is on the comedy show at \$25.00/pp with dinner. Please contact Lisa Jo Epkins for more details. The comedy show is one of the fundraising events that MYN organizes every year.
- f) Executive Committee Report - none given.
- g) Foundation Report - none given.
- h) Foster Grandparent Progress Report - none given.
- i) Affordable Housing Committee (ASPIRE) - none given.
- j) Client Services Report - Virginia Gantong reported that they have accomplished on the clear definition for day care services by age. Also, efforts have been made to review and eliminate unnecessary paperwork to cope with the escalating caseload ratio which reaches as high as the 80's.
- k) KRC Staff Report - none given.

V. Adjournment There being no further business, **M/s/c---**(Lott/Marcus) to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. (8-0-0)

David Marcus, Interim Secretary

ACTION LOG

October 4, 2011

1. M/s/c---(Treanor/Lott) to accept the agenda as presented. (8-0-0)
2. M/s/c---(Stotler/Marcus) to approve the minutes as written. (8-0-0)
3. M/s/c---(Treanor/Marcus) to approve KCSOS Early intervention Assessments contract as presented. (8-0-0)
4. M/s/c---(Treanor/Lott) to approve the Loft contract as presented. (7-0-1)
5. M/s/c---(Marcus/Stotler) to approve Nankil Ent. DBA Riverlakes #2 contract as presented. (7-0-1)
6. M/s/c---(Marcus/Lott) to approve Inclusion Films Bakersfield contract as amended. (7-1-0)
7. M/s/c---(Lott/Marcus) to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. (8-0-)