

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

January 22, 2019

Present Board Members:

Oscar Axume

Quanah Mason

Mitzi Villalon

Kevin Gosselin

Mark Tolentino

Ismael Romero

Nickole Mensch

Ryan Jones

Jasmeet Bains, MD

Raymond McCaslin

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 January 22, 2019.

M/S/C – (Romero/Villalon) to approve agenda with modification: Add

Nickole Mensch as item 10 and push staff report down to item 11. 10-0-0.

4. Meeting Minute Approval

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held October 23, 2018.

M/S/C – (Quanah/Dr. Bains, MD) to approve minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held October 23, 2018. 9-0-0.

5. Public Input

A. **Cindy Martinez, Service Coordinator**, reported that the staff handed out 284 thanksgiving baskets to consumers and families. 30 gift cards for food were handed out to our families served by our branch offices. The committee raised over \$6,000 and will start fundraising again in June of 2019.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS

6. Board President Report

A. Reappointment of Board Member

- a. The nominating committee reviewed Quanah's attendance and decided to reappoint him to the Board. Oscar thanked Quanah for his dedication and outstanding attendance, regardless of his nearly 4 hour drive for each meeting.
- b. The Board motions to reappoint Quanah Mason to the Board for his 7th and final year.
M/S/C – (Mensch/Gosselin) to reappoint Quanah to the Board of Directors for his 7th year. 10-0-0.

7. Client Representative

- a. Roy Rocha is looking for clients to join the Client Advisory Committee.
- b. Roy will also be assisting the Board in finding client members.
- c. The next CAC meeting will be February 24th at 10:00 am in the Malibu Conference Room.

8. Financial Report

- a. Tom Wolfram provided the financial reported. Please see Attachment 1.
- b. KRC has spent \$76 million to date on POS funds.
- c. KRC's total Operation's Budget is \$21 million; it is currently projected that KRC will be a little bit over with a projected deficit of \$134 thousand.

9. Executive Director's Report

- a. Michi provided additional information related to the financial report. She clarified that KRC cannot borrow money to cover a deficit. The only time money is borrowed is when KRC has funds coming in from the State as an advance.
- b. The Governor's budget just came out; there will be much change between now and the May Revise. This is our time to advocate for items that are needed or missing from the budget.
- c. DDS used to be split into two major divisions: Community Services and the Developmental Center's Division. With the developmental centers closing, they will be just a Community Services Dept. They are requesting funds to reflect that chance/reorganization. Part of the proposed changed is to open a headquarters in Southern California. Michi sees this as an additional support for Regional Centers.
- d. There are also efforts to improve safety net for individuals with some of the most challenging need.
- e. Another proposal is a 1 to 25 caseload ratio for specialized caseloads with individuals with intensive needs.
- f. Legislation for crisis homes for the community is currently only for adults. Currently, children are being sent out of State. There is a proposal for crisis homes for children; this would keep children closer to home.
- g. There is money proposed for two additional state operated crisis homes. Currently, legislation exists for these in Northern and Southern California; this proposal is for Central California.
- h. The reintroduction of the uniform holiday schedule for our programs. This is a very unpopular thing that we were able to stop last year. ARCA again will attempt to stop it this year. This schedule would require the programs to close for 14 days throughout the year.

- i. ARCA is requesting an 8% down payment for service providers and service coordinators positions, pending the rate study, which will be presented to the legislature on March 1st.
- j. ARCA has developed an Omnibus bill; it is 99 pages long. The next step is to find a legislature who is willing to be the author of this bill.
- k. There are changes in the legislature; Michi is planning to meet with Senators Shannon Grove and Melissa Hurtado.

10. Vendor Advisory Committee

- a. The Vendor Luncheon was held this morning.
- b. Melissa Searson gave a report on the Foster Grandparents and Senior Companion program. They are in need of volunteers.
- c. VAC is in the process of finalizing the Bylaws.
- d. Two new committees have been formed; one is law enforcement.
- e. The format of the meeting has been changed. The first portion is now Vendors and KRC staff; the second portion is just vendors.
- f. Vendors want to know what the response time for the Officer of the Day is. They have concerns over the time it is taking to receive calls back.
- g. VAC wants to call OD to notify them of a crisis situation rather than contacting the crisis team.
- h. Individuals providing employment services don't feel that they are receiving the support that they need. Mitzi requested a point of contact for those individuals.
- i. KRC is having a training for Personal and Professional Boundaries on January 31st.
- j. The next Self Determination meeting is Feb. 11th at 5:00 pm.
- k. The next Vendor Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for March 26th at 10:00 am.
- l. The Vendor Advisory Luncheon is scheduled for November 8th at the DoubleTree.
- m. Section 8 is in jeopardy of not paying rent in March due to the Government closure.
- n. Celia Pinal will connect with Mitzi regarding the aforementioned concerns.

11. Nickole Mensch's Report

- a. Nickole thanked the Board for nominating her as the ARCA representative.
- b. Nickole had her first ARCA meeting last week; Tony Anderson gave a presentation on how they are using social media to reach out to the community. Nickole would like to see something like this happen with Kern Regional Center. Nickole reported that KRC has a Facebook but no one has posted anything in almost a year.

12. Staff Report

A. Self Determination

- a. The Self Determination Advisory Committee met on December 3rd.
- b. As of January 15th, KRC sent letters to all 95 selected individuals for the slow roll out of Self Determination. The letter congratulated them and invited them to the upcoming Self Determination meeting.

- c. DDS scheduled a few calls for RCs on the pilot to gather information for those currently on the pilot.
- d. Community Services is currently unable to entertain those interested in becoming an FMS. More information to come.
- e. The next Self Determination meeting is scheduled for February 11th at 5:00 pm in Malibu Conference Room.

B. Community Placement Plan

- a. There are less than 10 individuals looking to transition out of the Developmental Center.
- b. Some developments are tailored/designed for individuals coming out of DC.
- c. In November, KRC found it's Adult Residential Facility for Individuals with Specialized Health Care Needs. In December, the housing acquisition request was approved. KRC is waiting for the county to approve the permits for this home.
- d. Cherylle also mentioned that an RFP would be sent out for developments for 16-17 and 17-18. The RFPs have been awarded to Endless Possibilities and one other vendor.
- e. A mobile dental clinic was requested; KRC received \$150,000 for this startup.
- f. \$150,000 were awarded for transportation services for Eastern Kern.

C. HCBS

- a. KRC had 10 providers apply for the HCBS grants. Seven of those are different providers. This was submitted yesterday and DDS has already responded requesting additional information.

D. Services Standards for After School/Day Care Draft

- a. Cherylle provided the Guidelines for the Board's review. See Attachment 2.

E. Service Standards Social Skills Training Draft

- a. Cherylle provided the Guidelines for the Board's review. See Attachment 3.

BOARD TRAINING

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

- a. Meeting is adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, February 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:

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