

KRC Nominating Committee

Minutes

Thursday, June 26th, 2014

Present: Susan Lara, Chair
Steve Esselman
Shawn Kennemer
Frank Meyer
Quanah Mason
Veronica Quezada
Carol Sackey
Lorie Stewart
KRC Staff: Duane Law, CEO

Absent: Matthew LaGrand

Meeting started at 5:30pm. We opened the meeting with a quick update that Ramona Puget will not continue the process of requesting waiver approval from Area Boards (8 or 12) to fulfill the waiver which was received from the SCDD (State Council on Developmental Disabilities) back in November of 2013.

The KRC Board has one seat available and the nominating committee interviewed the following two potential Board candidates.

Richard Rodriguez is interested in serving on the Board of Directors as a KRC consumer. Richard currently attends New Advances for People with Disabilities (NAPD) and has attended there for 35 years. He was one of the original founding members of the People First Group where he held the position of Chairperson for the Kern County Chapter. Richard and fellow consumers are also in the process of developing a Take Action Group or TAG, which is joined with BARC, NAPD, Bakersfield Homeless Shelter and Clinica Sierra Vista's directors to work together to bring back some of the discontinued GET bus routes which have made it hard, and at times impossible and dangerous for individuals with disabilities, the elderly and the homeless population here in Kern County to get to their programs, grocery shopping and doctor's appointments. Richard is also a business owner of RR Vending Supplies. During the interview, Richard gave us his speech that he presented to City Council regarding transportation using his communication device which was very powerful. Richard is a very strong advocate for all individuals with disabilities and has a huge heart to serve others.

Motion to recommend Richard Rodriguez for board service to the full Board of Directors. (Stewart / Sackey) 6-1-0

One member of the committee had to leave the meeting early.

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NickoleRenee Mensch is interested in serving on the Board of Directors as a KRC Consumer. NickoleRenee has been a client of KRC since 1984. NickoleRenee shared with the Nominating Committee her vast work experience such as ten years at Kern Assistive Technology Center (KATC), Independent Living Center, Bakersfield College and the Bureau of Land Management. She also has past and current Board Service experience. During the interview, NickoleRenee also shared a few of the many times that her individual and her family's advocacy have changed the services and supports to individuals with disabilities to open doors of possibilities. Her determination is off the chart, as she and her son took a trip to Sacramento two years ago, she in her power wheelchair, and her son on his bike, breaking a Guinness Book World Record, getting the attention of the Governor and the Legislature and bringing awareness to the needs of individuals with disabilities across the State. She has also run for City Council with much support. NickoleRenee has a great passion to serve individuals with disabilities and very strong advocacy skills.

Motion to recommend NickoleRenee Mensch's candidacy for board service to fill the next vacancy when it occurs, at which time to be seated as a member of the Board of Directors. (Esselman / Kennemer) 6-0-0

Board Secretary:

The committee also addressed the vacant office of Board Secretary and the interest to hold that office by Board member Lorie Stewart. The KRC Bylaws were reviewed and discussion began around Lorie's interest. Lorie mentioned that she is still intending to step down from some of the committees she was serving on to allow for more time to serve as Board Secretary and also stated that she had assistive technology devices to help her with note taking.

Motion to recommend Lorie Stewart to the office of Board Secretary to the full Board of Directors. (Kennemer / Quezada) 5-1-0

Meeting adjourned at 7pm

Susan Lara
Chair, KRC Nominating Committee