

KERN REGIONAL CENTER

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Board of Directors Meeting

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

KRC Malibu Conference Room

3300 N. Sillect Ave.

Bakersfield, CA 93308

MINUTES

September 25, 2018

Present Board Members:

Oscar Axume

Quanah Mason

Lorie Stewart

Araceli Gonzalez

Kevin Gosselin

Jasmeet Bains, MD

Ismael Romero

Nickole Mensch

Mitzi Villalon

Ryan Jones

Raymond McCaslin

Mark Tolentino

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Executive Session

2. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. by Ismael Romero. It was determined that a quorum was present.

3. Approval/Additions to Agenda

A. Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Agenda dated September 25, 2018.

M/S/C – (Gosselin/Axume) to approve agenda with the modifications of adding the bylaw subcommittee under the Board President report and the elimination of item 8A as well as an additional Executive Director partial report under item 3A. 12-0-0.

a. Agenda is being modified as DDS has agreed to give funding to Kern Regional Center to maintain the insurance contribution at up to \$1,400.00 per staff. This is a one-time funding to allow Kern Regional Center and SEIU to negotiate insurance benefits in 2019.

4. Meeting Minute Approval

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held August 28, 2018.

M/S/C – (Mason/Axume) to approve minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held August 28, 2018 with one correction: Jasmeet Bains, MD. 11-0-1 (Stewart).

5. Public Input

- A. **Pauline, Parent**, has tried for six years to have child made eligible for KRC services. She states that she is aware of other children with the same diagnoses as her child's who are consumers of the Kern Regional Center. Kristine Khuu will follow up.
- B. **Lorie Stewart**, commended Service Coordinator, Janelle Gonzalez, for her hard work with one of Lorie's patients.
- C. **Virginia Gantong**, inquired about letters related to changes to the retirees. Michi confirmed that they would be sending letters out.
- D. **Craig Smith**, Deputy District Attorney, specializes in mental health/developmental disability cases that can either be diverted from the Superior Court system or resolved at a very early stage. Craig collaborates with Behavioral Health & Recovery Service, the Public Defender's Office and Kern Regional Center, although he is missing input and collaboration from Kern Regional Center on behalf of KRC's clients. Currently, Craig's only option to assist KRC clients is to subpoena records, which can take weeks to obtain. With collaboration, we can avoid sending clients to State Hospitals for months and ensure that they are placed in a safe environment.
- E. **Eva Rocha** provided information regarding the upcoming carnival.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS

6. Client Representative

- a. No report.

7. Board President Report

A. Appointment of Officers

- a. The Executive Committee elected Oscar Axume to be the Board's President, Ismael Romero to be the Vice President, Quanah Mason to be the Secretary and Nickole Mensch to be the Treasurer.
M/S/C - (Villalon/Gosselin) to appoint Oscar Axume as the Board's President, Ismael Romero as the Vice President, Quanah Mason as the Secretary and Nickole Mensch as the Treasurer.
- b. Nickole Mensch has volunteered to be the Board's ARCA Representative.
M/S/C - (Gosselin/Axume) to appoint Nickole Mensch as KRC's ARCA Representative.

8. Financial Report

- A. Tom Wolfgram presented his financial report.
 - a. The E-1 allocation of the year provided a total of \$186.2 million in funding to KRC. \$165.1 million for services and \$21 million for operations.
 - b. KRC received the full amount for the rent at just under \$2 million.
 - c. KRC also received funding for the Senior Companion grant.

- d. Projections indicate that KRC will end up with approximately \$200,000.
- e. The current cash balance is \$19.3 million.
- f. KRC has received the July claim of \$12.5 million.

9. Executive Director's Report

- a. Kern Regional Center met with the Department of Developmental Services regarding the outstanding amounts that KRC owes for past audits dating back to 2008. KRC reached a proposal, which has been submitted to DDS and is now awaiting approval.
- b. Independent audit will start this week, Wednesday through Friday.
- c. Kristine Khuu submitted response to 2017 DDS Med Waiver Audit.
 - i. KRC will need to improve on including all services and supports in the IPP.
 - ii. Completing quarterlies for clients in Community Care Homes and SLS.
 - iii. Hopefully hiring new staff will help resolve the above issues.
- d. KRC will provide training on billable Title 19 units.
- e. Michi attended the Southern California Conference of Regional Center Directors. Vendor rates were discussed, higher pay rates for direct care staff and eliminating the median rate.
- f. KRC is growing and is looking at growth in office space at both the Delano and Bishop branch offices.
- g. KRC had Person Centered Thinking training.

10. Vendor Advisory Committee

- a. The Vendor Advisory Committee met this morning.
- b. The Committee discussed developing Sub-Committees.
- h. The Committee is looking to update their bylaws.
- i. People first will be meeting every third Thursday at 3:00 pm (at Positive Purpose) for 1 hour.
- j. APS reports must be submitted electronically or you must speak to someone in person.
- k. Today is national disability voter registration day. October 25th is the last day to vote.
- l. Anyone who would like to make an ornament and have it displayed at the state capital, see Mitzi Villalon for a flyer.
- m. The Maya Cinema offers free admission to a family friendly film to all guests with special needs on the first Saturday of the month.
- n. The next Vendor Advisory Committee meeting will take place October 23rd at 10:00 am in the Malibu room.
- o. The Vendor Luncheon will take place November 8th at the DoubleTree.

11. Staff Report

A. Self Determination

- a. The Self-determination committee met on September 10th. They covered the desire to increase KRC enrollment based on categories that KRC is lacking.
- b. September 17th was the last date to submit each regional center's numbers.

- c. Orientation trainings will take place soon after; the committee will select the dates.
- d. The families will be invited to a vendor fair.

B. Community Placement Plan

- a. Cherylle went over Tom's report, which indicates the funds allocated for Community Placement Plan.
- b. Cherylle Mallinson provided the board with before and after pictures of the home on Abbey Road.

C. Performance Contract

- a. A public meeting was held to obtain feedback for the Performance Contract.
- b. Cherylle Mallinson submitted the performance contract for the Board's approval.
- c. The Board has elected to vote on the Performance Contract at the October Board Meeting.

BOARD TRAINING

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

- a. Meeting is adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th, 2018, 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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