

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES FOUNDATION

Board of Directors

August 23, 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT

Louis Mitchell, Chair
Mayra Cervantes
Michael Cooney
Tina Daley
Larry DeBoer
Weller Killebrew
Natalia Lewis
Dr. Alex Li
Dee Prescott
Lili Romero
Bradley Smith
Brigitte Sroujeh
Minh Khoa Tran
Ana Villasenor
Simon Yang

NOT PRESENT

Anthony Brouwer
Gloria Leiva

ADVISOR TO THE BOARD - PRESENT

Al Marsella

STAFF

Claudia Ayala
Rose Chacana
Pablo Ibanez
Srbui Ovsepyan
Kaye Quintero
Melinda Sullivan

GUESTS

Lis Cervantes-Lerma, SCDD
Lourdes Gomez
Kristina Gomez
Paul Quiroz

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The meeting was conducted in-person and via Zoom.

PUBLIC INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No public input was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corrections:

Page 5 – Minh Koha Tran s/b Minh Khoa Tran

Page 6 – Adjourn s/b Adjourned

The minutes of June 28, 2023 were approved by consensus with the above noted corrections.

BOARD EDUCATION

2022 Administrative Report – Clinical Services

As part of Board Education and Training, Ms. Jordan, Director of Clinical Services gave a focused overview of how and when the regional center is involved with consents for health issues. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the content.

2022 Administrative Report – Administrative Services

As part of Board Education and Training, Ms. Quintero, Director of Administrative Services and Ms. Ayala, Emergency Services and Operations Manager gave a focused overview of the Emergency Services scope of work. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the content.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Conflict of Interest Review

Ms. Sullivan advised the Board that as part of its governing obligations, the board must review the conflict-of-interest statement of each regional center board member to ensure that no conflicts of interest exist.

Included in the board packet were the declarations from board directors. After review, all of the forms indicated that no conflicts of interest exist.

Dr. Li moved to send the conflict of interest statements to the Department of Developmental Services, Ms. Sroujeh seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Board Training Debrief

The Board had an open discussion on the outcome of the Board training session held on July 26, 2023. The overall comments were positive and all agreed that it went well.

DDS Budget Summary

Ms. Sullivan advised the Board that they could find in their packet a copy of the budget summary highlights for the California State Budget - Department of Developmental Services. This was for information only. The Center is currently waiting for its allocation.

Caseload Ratio Corrective Plan

Ms. Sullivan advised the Board that Lanterman did not meet its caseload ratio numbers for 2023, thus a corrective plan of action has been submitted to DDS. Ms. Sullivan reported that all regional centers did not meet their targets. Ms. Sullivan gave a focused presentation on caseload ratio numbers across the State and Lanterman's recruitment efforts to reduce caseloads.

2023 Board Composition Survey

Ms. Sullivan advised the Board that the Center has submitted its annual Board Composition Survey to DDS. A copy of the Board Composition Survey Summary was provided for information only.

KYRC at Brand

Ms. Sullivan advised the Board that the Center is planning a preview event on September 13, 2023 to showcase the new KYRC at Brand. Invites will be sent out soon to Board/Committee members, KYRC Leaders, and FDLRC Leadership Staff. An opening date for the public has not been determined yet.

CONTRACTS OVER \$250,000.

Ms. Sullivan reviewed with the Committee the following contracts in accordance with the Board approved policy for approval of contracts:

Note: The following contract for Esperanza Community Housing Corporation was approved by the Executive Committee on July 12, 2023 in the absence of a board meeting in July.

- **Provider/Organization:** Esperanza Community Housing Corporation

Year: July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024

Amount of contract: \$33,443.50 a month, not to exceed \$401,322.

Esperanza Community Housing Corporation will assist clients identified by the regional center to improve their access and utilization of services. The goal of the promotora is to develop social networks within the community. The promotora will work with families to engage families who are disconnected and isolated to improve their access to services and increase utilization through coaching and mentoring. Families will learn to make informed decisions that will ultimately benefit regional center clients.

Ms. Villasenor moved ratify the action taken by the Executive Committee on July 12, 2023 to approve the contact with Esperanza Community Housing Corporation for \$401,322. Ms. Romero seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- **Provider/Organization:** Waterson Huth & Associates

Year: July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024

Amount of contract: not to exceed \$693,648.

Waterson & Huth will provide consultation to regional center staff for client legal issues only.

Legal issues are defined as follows:

- Referrals to Attorneys and Consultants
- Immigration Activities
- Consultation with Attorneys
- Court Intervention
- Developmental Center Legal Issues
- Notices of Action
- Court Cases
- Fair Hearing Support
- IHSS Advocacy
- IHSS Fair Hearing Support

Mr. DeBoer moved to approve the contact with Waterson & Huth for \$693,648. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SB 805 – INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SERVICES

Ms. Sullivan advised the Board that SB 805, sponsored by Senator Portantino, is a bill that would expand the criteria for a qualified autism service professional to include paraprofessionals. It would also require DDS to adopt emergency regulations to address the use of behavioral health professionals and paraprofessional in group practice behavioral intervention services and it would require DDS to establish rates and the educational or experience qualifications and professional supervision requirements necessary for these positions.

The Board focused discussion on the following:

1. This bill would make DIR Floor Time services eligible for health plans to purchase as part of the Behavioral Health Treatment service.
2. While most regional centers have taken the position of not actively supporting Floor Time services, FDLRC has had two well established Providers that have offered Floor Time services for about 15 years.
3. ARCA has taken a "no comment" position on this bill, as it tries to traverse differing opinions amongst its regional center members.

Ms. Sullivan advised the Board that a copy of SB 805, background information from the Floor Time advocates, and a draft letter of support were in the packet for review. Discussion followed.

Mr. DeBoer moved that the Board send a letter of support, Mr. Smith seconded the motion, the majority were in favor (15-1) and it passed.

ARCA REPORT

Mr. DeBoer advised the Board that he and Ms. Sullivan attended the ARCA meeting on August 17-18, 2023 and that the highlights from the meeting were in the packet for review.

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Review of Financial Statements

Cash Flow

Ms. Quintero reported that we are projected to have \$53,469,626 available at the end of October 2023.

Ms. Romero reviewed the financial statements through June 30, 2023 as follows:

Fiscal Year to date 2022-2023 (D-2)

In Operations (main contract) we have spent \$30,779,513 (91% of budget). In Purchase of services (main contract) we have spent \$267,864,217 before we add late bills. Including projected late bills, we will have spent \$274,630,899 (78.8% of budget).

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (C-4)

This month we recorded \$421,580 in OPS and \$193,494 in POS. To date, we have spent 87.8% of our OPS and 89.8 % of our POS allocations.

Fiscal Year 2020-21 (B-5)

This month we recorded \$0 in OPS and \$6,952 in POS. To date, we have spent 100% of our OPS and 99.3% of our POS allocations.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Fall Community Meetings

Ms. Ovsepyan advised the Board that the Center will be hosting its Annual Community Meetings as follows:

- September 6, 2023 - Targeted Audience: Service Providers
- September 11, 2023 - Targeted Audience: Self-Advocate (Clients)
- September 12, 2023 - Targeted Audience: Spanish Speaking Clients and Families
- September 20, 2023 - Targeted Audience: English Speaking Clients and Families

Board members were encourage to attend one of the community meetings as part of Board Education.

ADJOURNMENT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board agreed by consensus to suspend the General Session meeting at 7:45 p.m. for Executive Session to conduct business on Approval of Minutes, Litigation, and Personnel.

RECONVENE FOR GENERAL SESSION

The Board discussed in Executive Session the Approval of Minutes, Litigation, and Personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:55 p.m.

Tina Daley, Secretary

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ACTION LOG

August 23, 2023

	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	STATUS
	Approval of Minutes – June 28, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved	
	Contracts over \$250,000: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Esperanza Community Housing Corporation.• Waterson Huth & Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ratified• Approved	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Conflict of Interest Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter of Support for SB 805- Insurance Coverage for Autism Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved	