

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 13, 2021

MINUTES

PRESENT

Dina Richman, Chair
Elizabeth Beltran
Mark Higgins
Louis Mitchell

NOT PRESENT

Gloria Leiva

GUEST

Larry DeBoer

STAFF

Melinda Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Richman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 11, 2020 were approved by consensus.

TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

Ms. Sullivan advised the Committee that the Center has received the first 25 laptops with hotspots and they are currently being cataloged through the Family Resource Center. The laptops will be available to clients by the end of the month. An additional 15 are on order.

Ms. Sullivan reported that at this time there is no need to use funds from the endowment as the Center received money from the CARES Act. The money received will cover the cost of the equipment.

COVID UPDATE

Ms. Sullivan advised the Committee that the Center continues to see a spike in COVID-19 cases this week. The past weeks have been challenging with the spread of COVID in licensed residential homes and the ability for service providers to provide adequate staffing. The Center has assisted with clients being moved temporarily between homes to accommodate staffing needs.

The Center has also been working diligently with Glenridge Center as the outbreak has hit it more seriously. DDS and the Department of Public Health have gone to Glenridge to investigate the situation and 7 clients have been moved to surge housing at Fairview and Porterville Developmental Centers while the respective Departments investigate.

Ms. Sullivan reported that the first batch of immunizations are rolling out by the City of Pasadena and LA County. The Center has worked hard to keep up with all of the news & updates related to the COVID-19 vaccine and this information is share with All Staff in her weekly COVID Report.

Access to the building continues to be restricted through the end of the month and the Center will reassess then where the COVID surge is and then communicate to staff if any changes are made to granting access.

BOARD COMPOSITON

Ms. Sullivan advised the Committee that Mr. Gilbertson is no longer able to serve on the Board of Directors as he no longer works in the Lanterman catchment area. The Nominating Committee will be discussing it as part of Board Recruitment for 2021-22 at its next meeting.

BOARD TRAINING PLAN

Ms. Sullivan advised the Committee that Ms. LeeAnn Christian from DDS will be presenting on the Department of Development Services/Regional Center Contract as part of Board Training & Education this month.

PROPOSED 2021-22 STATE BUDGET

Ms. Sullivan advised the Committee that the DDS Governor's Budget Highlights as well as the full DDS 2021-22 Governor's Budget were release a couple of days ago. There are no proposed cuts to regional centers at this time. A copy of the governor's highlights were in the packet for information only. Ms. Sullivan reported that ARCA is working on a comprehensive analysis and she will learn more at the upcoming ARCA meeting on January 21-22, and a report will be given at the board meeting as part of the ARCA Report.

ADJOURNMENT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Mitchell moved to suspend the General Session meeting at 12:45 p.m. for Executive Session to conduct business on Approval of Minutes and Litigation. Ms. Beltran seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

RECONVENE FOR GENERAL SESSION

The Committee conducted business in Executive Session on Approval of Minutes and Litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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