

FRANK D. LANTERMAN REGIONAL CENTER

Executive Committee

September 14, 2011

MINUTES

PRESENT

Mark Higgins, Chair
Mary Bakchachyan
Larry DeBoer
Marjorie Heller
Al Marsella

STAFF

Diane Anand
Patrick Aulicino
Karen Ingram
Melinda Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction to the minutes of August 10, 2011: Under Whistleblower Policy, second sentence, the word **it's** should be **its** and insert **does not** after the word policy.

....The Center has been informed that ~~it's~~ **its** policy **does not** conform with subsection (b) (4) of the contract with the Department....

Mr. DeBoer moved to approve the minutes of August 10, 2011 with the above noted corrections, Ms. Heller seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Anand advised the Committee the Center needs to reevaluate the process in which it reviews legislation in light of the current workload demands and reduced staffing. Ms. Anand recommended that the Center rely on ARCA to review and make recommendations on legislation. Discussion followed.

The Committee agreed by consensus that the Center will rely on the ARCA in the future for recommendations on legislation and for legislative updates.

SB 946 (Steinberg)

Ms. Anand advised the Committee that they could find in their packet a copy of SB 946 (Steinberg) the autism insurance mandate bill and a copy of ARCA's support letter. ARCA is encouraging all regional centers to write letters of support to Governor Brown asking him to sign the bill. The Governor has until October 9th to decide whether or not to sign or veto the bill. Discussion followed.

The Committee agreed by consensus that staff should prepare a letter of support for Mr. Higgins review and signature and send it to the Governor's office.

AB 862 (Silva)

Ms. Anand advised the Committee that they could find in their packet a copy of AB 862 (Silva) regarding regional center accountability and transparency, and a copy of ARCA's letter to the Governor regarding the fiscal concerns placed on regional centers if he signs it. Ms. Anand noted that existing law through the passage of budget trailer bill SB 74 also has all of the same provisions as AB 862 except for the addition of positing all conflict of interest statement and all service provider rates making AB 862 duplicative and over burdensome. The Governor has until October 9th to decide whether or not to sign or veto the bill. Ms. Anand is recommending that the Center send a letter urging the Governor to veto the bill. Discussion followed.

The Committee agreed by consensus that staff should prepare a letter of opposition for Mr. Higgins review and signature and send it to the Governor's office.

BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Aulicino advised the Committee that the Center has received the C-1 allocation for FY 2011-12. He reviewed a budget comparison sheet for FY 2010-11 B-1 and FY 2011-12 C-1 with the Committee. He reported that the comparison was reviewed with the Administrative Affairs Committee and will be shared with the Board. Discussion followed.

WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

Mr. Higgins reminded the Committee that the Center received a communication from DDS dated August 1, 2011 rejecting the Center's Whistleblower Policy. The Center had been informed that its policy did not conform with subsection (b) (4) of the contract with the Department. Mr.

Higgins advised the Committee that they could find a revised draft version in their packet for review.

Ms. Heller moved to recommend that the board approve the revised draft version as presented, Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CONTRACTS

Ms. Anand and Ms. Ingram reviewed with the Committee the following contracts in accordance with the board approved policy for approval of contracts:

Easter Seals Southern CA

Year: FY 2010-11

Amount of Start-up award/contract: \$600,000 for rehabilitation & start-up of 2 ARFs (\$300,000 to rehabilitation, license, & furnish each home)

Ms. Bakchachyan moved to recommend that the board approve the award for Easter Seals Southern CA as presented, Ms. Heller seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Flagship Group

Year: FY 2010-11

Amount of Start-up award/contract: \$300,000 for rehabilitation & start-up of 2 ARFs (\$150,000 to license & furnish each home)

Mr. DeBoer moved to recommend that the board approve the award for Flagship Group as presented, Ms. Heller seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ambitions CA

Year: FY 2009-10

Amount of Start-up award/contract: \$625,000 [\$500,000 to host start-up of 4-ARFs (SCIHLP Funded) \$125,000 to license & furnish 1 ARF (Lanterman Funded)) for rehabilitation & start-up of 2 ARFs (\$150,000 to license & furnish each home)].

Ms. Bakchachyan moved to recommend that the board approve the award for Ambitions CA as presented, Mr. Marsella seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously

Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment (HOPE)

Year: FY 2010-11 CPP SCIHLP Approved Housing Plan

Amount of Start-up award/contract: \$800,000 (to purchase four (4) single family homes)

Ms. Heller moved that to recommend that the board approve the award for Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment (HOPE) as presented, Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HOME OWNERSHIP FOR PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT (HOPE)

Ms. Anand advised the Committee that HOPE will be hosting an Annual Charity Golf Classic on November 7, 2011 and asked the Committee for their support in making a contribution to the event. The donation would be allocated from the Lanterman Endowment Fund. Discussion followed.

Mr. DeBoer moved to recommend that the board approve a donation of \$2,000.00 from the Lanterman Endowment Fund for the event, Ms. Bakchachyan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Heller moved to adjourn the meeting for executive session at 1:54 p.m. to discussion litigation. Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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