

**MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2016  
Inland Counties Regional Center, Inc.  
Board of Trustees Meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Asten; Tom Cosand; Ted Leonard; Keith Nelson; Jack Padilla; Cameron Page; Elvia Sanders; Tammi Simpson; Alva Stewart; Denise Woolsey; John Weeks

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Stacy McQueen; Rene Rojo; Sheela Stark

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Lavinia Johnson; Don Meza; Merissa Steuwer; Vince Toms; Kevin Urtz; Treva Webster

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Sandra Guzman

**STAFF PRESENT:** Coby Carwile; Ben Chen; CJ Cook; Robin Ferguson; Edyth Gallardo; Andrea Gonzales; Debra Mannon; Reylisa Zalameda

**GUEST PRESENT:** Lizette Ceja, 24 Hour Home Care; Greg Damewood, Parent; Tom Huey, Windes, Inc.; Sharon Jimenez, DDS; Shannon Meehan, SCDD SB Regional Office; Edith Naranjo, Parent; Ron Pollakoff, Consumer; Erik Naranjo, Consumer; Jim Stream, The Arc of Riverside County;

Mr. Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and introductions were made.

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2015 BOARD MEETING: 1) Motion made to approve the minutes of the November 9 Board of Trustees Meeting as written M/S/C Page/Cosand. Ms. Woolsey abstained.**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

- 1) Edith Naranjo, parent shared her son was diagnosed with Autism when he was in kindergarten. With the help and support of the regional center, son is able to accomplish many things and attend a community college. Ms. Naranjo especially wanted to thank Don Meza, Marty Gettemy and Rebecca Solorzano for all they have done to help her son succeed and be more independent. Having the regional center support and services has been a blessing.
- 2) Erik Naranjo, consumer expressed his appreciation for the help and support he has received from IRC. He stated he could not have gotten this far without the help of the wonderful people at IRC Marty Gettemy, Don Meza and Rebecca Solorzano. Mr. Naranjo is currently attending Mt. Sac studying English and Psychology. He plans to attend a 4 year college where he can obtain his teaching credentials. He stated his mother is his biggest inspiration and is thankful for the help he has received from both parents and younger brother.
- 3) Greg Damewood, parent announced the following: 1) Steve Steinberg is the new Director for the County of Riverside. 2) Mr. Damewood is the Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee. Anyone interested in attending their next meeting is scheduled for May 2. 3) Suggested looking into a Client Empowerment Coordinator for adult consumers.
- 4) Jim Stream, The Arc of Riverside County commented regarding the Trailer Bill that was passed by the Assembly giving our system over 300 million. This was long overdue and very necessary. The 7.1% increase passed through for providers does not include the administration cost and may not

prevent closures from happening. Programs such as supported employment and 6 bed facilities are very much in jeopardy. Mr. Stream stated that when a vendor approaches IRC's Vendor Unit over issues such as paying a physical therapist that is already vendored in the regional center system or augments, it should not take 6 to 8 months to receive an answer. Mr. Stream also wanted to commend Don Meza, Vince Toms and Kevin Urtz for their advocacy on the vendor's behalf.

**SELF DETERMINATION UPDATE:** Mr. Meza reported the committee is very interested in getting the word out about the program. One suggestion was to include a flyer with mailed IPPs. IRC has been allotted 244 spots to participate in the pilot program. A little over 200 have expressed an interest in the program. The minutes of the January and February meetings were included in the board packet.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Mr. Nelson reported he is currently serving as the Interim Chairperson. He will continue to work at making people's life better. Is happy to serve and has been very productive. Mr. Nelson thanked everyone for their support.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:** Ms. Johnson thank Mr. Stream for their kind words regarding the Director's team. Ms. Johnson stated that she and Mr. Urtz are moving forward in a positive direction. Ms. Johnson reported the following: 1) The Board will be having a training with attorney Mike Monk on the Roles and Responsibilities of a Board on April 8. Staff is currently working on arranging a second training for the Board in July with San Diego Regional Center Executive Director, Carlos Flores and their Board Chair Terri Colachis on Relationship and Communication between Board and Agency. 2) The management team met with representatives of SANBAG regarding the Redlands Passenger Rail Project. 3) A memorial display has been set up in building 2 employee lounge. IRC received cards, plaques and banners from people/organizations near and far. CJ Cook and his team did a wonderful job with the display. 4) We are pleased to announce that Vince Toms has been selected as the new Director of Community Services. Vince comes to this position with over 15 of experience.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Ms. Steuwer reported she prepared the financial report based on the Board's recommendation to show what it would really take to run the regional center. The report shows a deficit of over 8 million dollars. In reality, IRC is living within the budget. IRC recently received a B2 allocation. The B2 allocation of \$800,000 is not included in this report. **2) Motion made to table the financial report and present a balanced budget at the May meeting M/S/C Cosand/Asten.** IRC's independent audits were reviewed and vetted by the Audit Committee. The audit presented fairly. It is the committee's recommendation that the Board accept the audit as presented. **3) Motion made to accept the audit as recommended by the Audit Committee M/S/C Cosand/Padilla.**

#### **COMIMTTEE REPORTS:**

- 1) **ANOTHER WAY:** Ms. Andrea Gonzales provided a written report and highlighted the following:
  - 1) Another Way Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Temecula Creek Inn.
  - 2) Sheriff's Academy Class of 200 is hosting a golf tournament to benefit Another Way on March 4, 2016.
  - 3) \$5 Challenge Campaign to promote employee donations is underway.
  - 4) Grant updates.
- 2) **LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Ms. Cummings submitted a written report. Mr. Nelson would like to work with Ms. Cummings on a short power point that can be placed on the Board's iPads on current legislative issues.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) ) **REVISED ORGANIZATION CHART:** Mr. Nelson mentioned that IRC Organization Chart was updated. The "Co-Interims" positions were removed and replaced with the Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director. **4) Motion made to approve the changes to the Organization Chart M/S/C Page/Simpson.**
- 2) **BANK SIGNATORIES:** Mr. Nelson stated that the bank signatories needed to be updated. Ms. Field needed to be removed. Two signatures are required. Ms. Steuwer's recommendation was to have Mr. Nelson and Ms. Johnson be the new signatories and add Mr. Urtz as the Bank Contracting Officer. **5) Motion for Ms. Johnson and Mr. Nelson to be the bank signatories and Mr. Urtz as the Bank Contracting Officer M/S/C Cosand/Leonard.**

**BOARD INPUT:**

Ms. Simpson stated that vendors are excited about some rates being restored however, continue to be concerned about the budget. Some vendors are still facing the possibility of closing their doors. Ms. Simpson reported that her term as the Vendor Advisory Representative Chair is ending in June.

Mr. Nelson announced he will be a guest speaker at the Democratic Woman of San Bernardino. Mr. Nelson was also invited to the Redlands and Riverside Unified Special Needs Graduations.

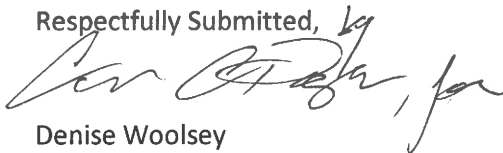
Mr. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m. The following action was taken during Executive Session:

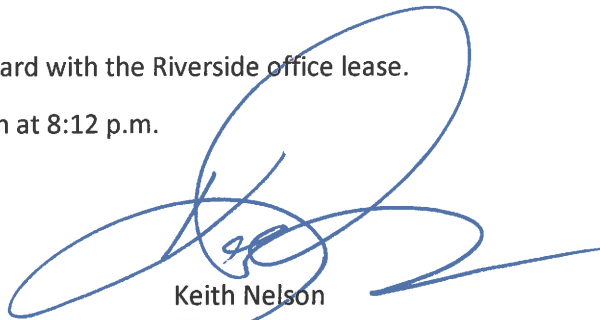
1. The Board approved moving forward with the Riverside office lease.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Nelson at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Denise Woolsey  
Secretary



Keith Nelson  
Chair

**Motions for March, 2016**

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