

MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2017
Inland Counties Regional Center, Inc.
Board of Trustees Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Asten; Tom Cosand; Ted Leonard; Amanda McGuire; Keith Nelson; Cameron Page; Elvia Sanders; Sheela Stark; Alva Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jack Padilla; Rene Rojo

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Sandra Guzman

STAFF PRESENT: Wasima Alvi; CJ Cook; Jennifer Cummings; Robin Ferguson; Andrea Gonzales; Eric Hamler; Debra Mannon; Gabriel Ortiz

GUEST PRESENT: Gabriela Ahlheim, Parent; Marilyn Interiam, Parent; Gregory Mathes, OPARC; Shannon Meehan, SCDD San Bernardino; Kristie Sepulveda-Burchit, Parent

Mr. Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2017 BOARD MEETING: 1. Motion made to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting M/S/C Stark/Leonard.

MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2017 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING: 2. Motion made to accept the minutes of the March 15, 2017 Special Board of Trustees Meeting M/S/C Page/Cosand.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Gabriela Ahlheim, mother of two children with autism. Ms. Ahlheim is asking the Board to write letters in opposition of SB 18, SCR 41 and SB 382. SB 18 is the Bill of Rights for the Children and Youth of California. *This bill would make legislative findings and declarations relating to the needs and well-being of children and youth in California. The bill would create, until November 30, 2024, the Joint Legislative Committee on Children and Youth, with 18 members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly, as specified. The bill would require the committee to develop "California's Promise to its Children and Youth," a framework for the care and welfare of children and youth in various contexts, including, but not limited to, health care, nutrition, homeless assistance, education, and foster care, as specified. The bill would require the committee to consider an unspecified Senate Concurrent Resolution, the Bill of Rights for the Children and Youth of California, if it is enacted and takes effect on or before January 1, 2018, for purposes of developing the framework.* Ms. Ahlheim states missing from the committee are the parents and family members. What this means is the government is telling parents how to parent their children. Every child is different and has a different learning style. One size does not fit all. The bill will eventually take away any parental rights. Ms. Ahlheim is asking the Board to look into this bill and write a letter in opposition of this bill.

2. Kristie Sepulveda-Burchit is here tonight to talk about SCR 41 and SB 426. SCR 41 is tied to SB 18 which language was very vague. On February 7, 2017, the LA Times wrote a piece titled "A lofty and troubling proposed bill of right for California kids". Ms. Sepulveda-Burchit found SCR 41 particularly troubling in sections (1)(l) Remaining with a parent,...; (3)(f) Having parents or elected official...; (5)(B) Access to the educational services...; (7)(A)(vi) Other necessary health care...; (2) The right to live a safe and healthy environment.

SB 426 seeks to establish the Community Based Home Visitation Pilot Program. The program utilizes volunteers to deliver intensive home visitations. It is Ms. Sepulveda-Burchit's opinion that the state just wants to be able to monitor every home. Individuals might interrupt parental intricacies and abuse.

3. Marilyn Interiam, mother of 3 daughters 2 of who are IRC consumers. She would like to ask Inland Regional Center Board of Trustees to write letters of opposition to SB 382. \$2,000,000 from the state's general fund is being appropriated to create the California Mosquito Surveillance and Research Program. Section 1, Chapter 2 states "perform other duties as necessary to protect the public and agricultural health of the state". This language is too broad and leaves the door wide open for any and all abatement measures to be taken. As a parent of two autistic kids and autoimmune disorder, this is very concerning.
4. Shannon Meehan, State Council San Bernardino (SCDD) shared that they are collaborating with Exceptional Parents Unlimited on an IEP training. The training will be held on May 9, 2017 in San Bernardino. Parents will learn how to be an active participant in the IEP. SCDD is also working with Disability Rights of California and Molina Healthcare on a training on the IHSS Overtime Rule. The training will be held on May 17, 2017. Anyone interested in attending either or both of these trainings can visit the SCDD website sanbernardino@scdd.ca.gov for more information. SCDD send out a Request For Proposal for one or more Program Development Grants up to \$260,000.

SELF DETERMINATION: Mr. Meza reported not much has happened since his last report. There are 6 questions left to answer from the Center of Medicare and Services (CMS). Some of the questions are regarding the severity of the disability. The last IRC Self-Determination Committee meeting was held on February 28. Minutes from this meeting were included in the board packet. Many consumers have expressed an interest in the program. The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 23 at IRC's Riverside Office.

CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Nelson shared since the last Board meeting, several Executive Board as well as internal meetings have taken place. The Board's Nominating Committee is working on recruiting new Board Members. Ms. Stark, Ms. Stewart and Mr. Kurtis Franklin along with Mr. Nelson are part of the Orientation Committee and will be working on developing a New Member Orientation. The orientation will include the history of IRC, information on the Lanterman Act and IRC's contract with DDS. Once completed it will be uploaded onto the Board's iPads. Mr. Nelson stated he was looking forward to the upcoming Another Way Golf and Bowling Tournaments as well as the CAC's Casino Night. Mr. Nelson also shared he attended the Film School Open House in April. The event was well attended and very informative for individuals who are interested in photography or working behind a camera.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ms. Johnson shared some recognitions IRC, Another Way received in recognition of being a 2016-17 Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Grant Recipient. The recognitions

came from 1) County of San Bernardino, Supervisor Janice Rutherford; 2) City of Fontana, Mayor Acquanetta Warren; 3) State of California, State Senator Mike Morrell; 4) California Legislature Assembly Member Marc Steinorth. Congratulations Andrea Gonzales and Another Way. Ms. Johnson thanked everyone for attending tonight's board meeting. We expect and hope to be in building 3 at the July meeting. Lastly, we would like to recognize and congratulate three of our employees, Sandra Guzman, Marie Harris and Erick Andersen for being honored at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards Luncheon.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ms. Steuwer reviewed the financials. The total projected POS spending as of the end of April is \$396,096,552. IRC received an additional \$405,552,146 between DDS and ICF-SPA. This is projected surplus of \$9,455,594. Any money that is not spent by the end of the fiscal year will be returned to DDS.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: The Employee Recognition recipients list from January 2016 through March 2017 was included in the board packet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) **ANOTHER WAY:** Ms. Gonzales announced the golf tournament will be held on May 19th and 20th. There are 168 confirmed golfers. Temecula Creek will be opening all three nines in order to accommodate the golfers. Another Way's 1st Bowling Tournament is scheduled for June 3 at Empire Bowl in Redlands. The committee members are donating a prize each for the raffle. Ms. Gonzales reported she submitted a few grant proposals and is now waiting to hear if they were approved. She is currently working with Community Engagement to implement a training for the Riverside Community Health Foundation grant.
- 2) **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Mr. Cook submitted his written report and there were no questions.
- 3) **CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Mr. Ryan Nelson was not present at tonight's meeting but he did submit a written report.
- 4) **VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Ms. McGuire thanked IRC for allowing her to attend Grassroots Day in Sacramento. She reported that the committee met on May 17th. There are two vacancies on the committee one for Residential Level 4 and the other as the Behavior Mod Programs representative. In addition to these two vacancies, the Transportation and Health Facilities positions will be terming out in June.
- 5) **MASTER TRUST:** Mr. Beckett announced that Mr. Bob Britton will be retiring after 11 years. Ms. Laura Miller will be replacing Mr. Britton as Master Trust Administrator and will serve as the Manager for the Revenue Unit as well when Ms. Debbie Mannon retires in July. There is approximately 21 million in Master Trust pooled and non-pooled funds with 250 trust accounts.
- 6) **NOMINATION AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT:** Mr. Nelson reported that the Nominating Committee is currently working on recruiting possible candidates. Ms. Stark, Mr. Padilla, Mr. Leonard and Mr. Page are on the committee.

- 7) **ORIENTATION AD-HOC COMMITTEE:** Mr. Nelson announced committee members Ms. Stark, Ms. Stewart and Mr. Nelson will work with and staff member Mr. Kurtis Franklin on revamping the new member orientation.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS \$250,000 AND ABOVE:** Mr. Nelson reported that the Executive Committee reviewed these contracts at length and are recommending the Board to approve the contracts listed on spreadsheet. **3. Motion made to approve the contracts listed on the spreadsheet M/S/C Cosand/Page.**
- 2) **APPROVAL OF NEW MASTER TRUST MEMBER:** Mr. Beckett stated that the Master Trust Committee has recommended to accept Mr. Cameron Page as a voting member on the Master Trust Committee. The Master Trust Committee is requesting the Board to ratify recommendation. **4. Motion made to approve Mr. Page as a voting member on the Master Trust Committee M/S/C Stark/Cosand.**
- 3) **AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS:** Mr. Beckett stated the Board had previously authorized the Master Trust Committee to handle ABLE Act accounts. Mr. Beckett added this language to the Bylaws and is requesting the Board to approve the amendment. **5. Motion made to approved the Bylaws as amended M/S/C Cosand/Asten.**
- 4) **RESOLUTION FOR RETIRED ANNUITANT:** Mr. Beckett shared in relations to Mr. Britton retiring in July, an exception to the CalPers requirement of 180 day wait period for a retired annuitant is necessary. Mr. Britton's unique skills is needed to properly train his replacement. The exception will allow IRC to enter into an agreement with Mr. Britton as a consultant. The agreement will be for 16 hours per week at his current rate. **6. Motion made to approve the resolution as presented M/S/C Cosand/Page.**
- 5) **CPA AUDIT FIRM:** Ms. Steuwer stated that IRC's current CPA audit firm is terming out. Ms. Steuwer is asking the Board to authorize the Executive Committee the authority to approve the new CPA firm once all proposals have been reviewed and scored. The plan is to hire the firm for 2 years with the option of extending the contract 3 additional years for a total of 5 years. **7. Motion made to authorize the Executive Committee to approve the CPA firm M/S/C Cosand/Stark.**
- 6) **WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE RENEWAL:** Ms. Steuwer shared the new insurance quote will not be available until late June. Worker's Comp insurance for fiscal year 2016-17 was \$516,000. It is estimated that for fiscal year 2017-18 the amount will be increased by approximately 40%. Ms. Steuwer is requesting the Board authorize the Executive Committee the authority to approve the Worker's Comp Insurance once the quote is received. Ms. Steuwer is estimating Worker's Comp Insurance to be somewhere between \$750,000 up to \$900,000 for fiscal year 2017-18. **8. Motion made to authorize the Executive Committee to approve the Worker's Comp insurance for fiscal year 2017-18 M/S/C Asten/Leonard.**

TRUSTEE INPUT:

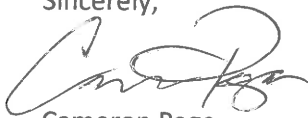
Mr. Leonard shared he received a good attendance award from his job.

Mr. Nelson shared he attended a meeting in Los Angeles for troubled youths and for kids whose dads are in prison.

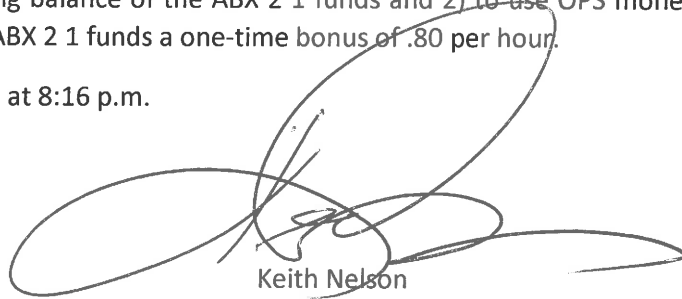
Mr. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. to go into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m. The following actions were taken during Executive Session: 1) To give staff a one-time bonus of .80 per hour using the remaining balance of the ABX 2 1 funds and 2) to use OPS money to give the Directors who are not eligible for ABX 2 1 funds a one-time bonus of .80 per hour.

Mr. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Sincerely,



Cameron Page
Board Secretary



Keith Nelson
Board Chair

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- 3. Motion made to approve the contracts listed on the spreadsheet M/S/C Cosand/Page.**
- 4. Motion made to approve Mr. Page as a voting member on the Master Trust Committee M/S/C Stark/Cosand.**
- 5. Motion made to approve the Bylaws as amended M/S/C Cosand/Asten.**
- 6. Motion made to approve the resolution as presented M/S/C Cosand/Page.**
- 7. Motion made to authorize the Executive Committee to approve the CPA firm M/S/C Cosand/Stark.**
- 8. Motion made to authorize the Executive Committee to approve the Worker's Comp insurance for fiscal year 2017-18 M/S/C Asten/Leonard.**