

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2018
Inland Counties Regional Center, Inc.
Board of Trustees Meeting

BOARD PRESENT: Kiana Buffington; Ted Leonard; Eric Naranjo; Jack Padilla; Cameron Page; Donita Remington; Gizelle Siojo; Joshua Souder; Sheela Stark; Alva Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rene Rojo; Elvia Sanders

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Sandra Guzman

BOARD FACILIATORS: Marie Andrews; Phillip Botello; Mary Garza; Ashwin Gaur; John Souder

STAFF PRESENT: Coby Carwile; Robin Ferguson; Kurtis Franklin; Lilliana Garnica; Marie Harris

GUEST PRESENT: Isabel Bellino, Retiree; Greg Damewood, Parent; David Hooyenga, Monte Vista Care, Inc.; Dimpna and Mario Rodriguez, Parents; Mario Alexis Rodriguez, Consumer; Mario Rodriguez, Parent; Alfredo Yanez, Consumer; Lucia Yanez, Parent; Janet Yanez, Consumer

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Stark called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 BOARD MEETING: 1) Motion made to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting as presented M/S/C Page/Souder.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- 1) Isabel Bellino, IRC Retiree wanted to thank the Board for all they do to help enhance the lives of the consumers in the San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. Ms. Bellino stated she was blessed to work for a wonderful organization for many decades. Unfortunately, that is not the case for current retirees now. She addressed the Board at the September meeting regarding the Retiree Medical Co-pay Reimbursement Fund. As previously stated, this fund was approved by DDS and it was to go indefinitely for all IRC employees. Due to the incompetency and lack of concern of upper management it was not budgeted appropriately. As of today, she states she has not received a verbal or written reply and feels this is extremely unprofessional and disrespectful. It is her understanding that IRC has the professional service of legal counsel and he is present tonight. Ms. Bellino is here tonight to ask for a written response addressing the real issue of her complaint and not a reply stating, "IRC has no money".

- 2) Greg Damewood, parent of an IRC consumer first wanted to say what a great job CJ Cook did with the Harvest Festival. Mr. Damewood stated the following: 1) he didn't understand the recent demand for public access to buildings 1 and 2. It is his understanding that buildings 1 and 2 is where staff's offices are. Building 3 is open to the public and can be used for numerous events. 2) He wanted to address the issue of reinstating the taping of Board Meeting. Taping the meetings really helps those who are not able to attend. The Insurance money from prior damages would most likely fund replacing the equipment. 3) He suggested the Board look at AB1234 Ethics Certification for Trustees and Staff.

- 3) Mario Alexis Rodriguez, consumer of IRC is inquiring when will the library be opening and when is IRC going to have more Art classes?

SELF DETERMINATION UPDATE: Mr. Meza written report, no questions from the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ms. Johnson thanked CJ Cook and the Community Engagement Team for doing such a wonderful job on the Harvest Festival. The Harvest Festival was held on November 3rd. It was a beautiful sunny day and it was well attended. Assemblymember Reyes recognized IRC with a certificate and commended us for our work in supporting individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Ms. Johnson thanked everyone who attended.

As of October 27, IRC has 36,659 active cases. This is an increase of 446 cases since the last report in September. IRC has experienced a growth of 2,216 during the past 12 months. Ms. Webster, Director of Intake and Early Start has been busy developing her programs to accommodate this growth. IRC currently has 776 employees. Managers continue to interview and hire to fill their vacancies. The calendar of events was included in your packet. For more information go to www.inlandrc.org. We also would like to congratulate In-Roads Creative Home Programs and the Community Engagement Unit for their outstanding and empowering Exceptional Families Conference held on Saturday, October 13. The conference was free to attendees. Keynote speaker was Kristin Wright, Director of Special Education from California Department of Education. Conference was very informative and was well attended.

IRC recognized Marc Rinebolt, Technician in the IT Department as the Hercules Award winner and Alberta Soqui, CSC in the Riverside School Age East unit as the Positively Contagious Award winner for the month of October. Congratulations to them both.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) **ANOTHER WAY:** Ms. Gonzales submitted a written report. Board had no questions.

- 2) **CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Mr. Nelson submitted a written report. No questions from the Board.

- 3) **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** Ms. Cummings submitted a written report. Board had no questions.
- 4) **VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Ms. Remington submitted a written report and highlighted the following. 1) Vendors were excited for the fall festival. It was well attended and everyone had a great time. 2. Vince Toms discussed the utilization of live streaming and Everbridge the emergency notification system. 3) Some vendors are reporting having difficulty communicating with CSCs. In some instances when the CSC is fairly new, he or she may not be familiar with the issue being discussed. 4) Lastly, the By-Laws Committee is nearly finished with the draft. The draft will be ready for the Board's approval at the March meeting.
- 5) **MASTER TRUST COMMITTEE:** Ms. Miller submitted a written report. There were no questions from the Board.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **CAC FUNDING:** Ms. Stark stated the Executive Committee discussed way to raise funds for the CAC. The Executive Committee is recommending the Board approve a 5 cent per every active consumer as recorded every June 30th. This money will come out of the Operations budget annually. **2. Motion made to approve 5 cents per consumer to be given to the CAC from the Operations budget annually M/S/C Page/Souder.** Mr. Souder suggested the amount be raised to 10 cents. It is best to keep it at 5 cents for now. It can be re-evaluated in the future.
- 2) **MASTER TRUST APPOINTMENT:** Mr. Beckett is requesting the Board's approval to appoint Evan Page to the Master Trust Committee. Mr. Evan Page is the son of Board Member Cameron Page. He is a practicing attorney in the Palm Desert area and specializes in probate and estate planning. He will be an asset to the committee. **3) Motion made to approve the appointment of Evan Page to the Master Trust Committee M/S/C Stewart/Naranjo. Mr. Cameron Page abstained from voting.**
- 3) **MASTER TRUST SPENDTHRIFT TRUST:** Mr. Beckett is requesting the Board's approval to accept a trust that is not a Special Needs Trust. It will be a Spendthrift Trust for a non IRC consumer. If approved, the Master Trust Committee has approved a reduced fee of 1.5%. **4) Motion made to accept the Spendthrift Trust to include the reduce fee of 1.5% M/S/C Leonard/Page.** Mr. Page shared that the committee discussed this matter at great length. Consumer belongs to SGPRC and not IRC.

- 4) **ANOTHER WAY ACCOUNT SIGNERS:** Mr. Urtz is requesting approval to remove Marybeth Field as signer for Another Way and add Ms. Sheela Stark. **5) Motion made to remove Marybeth Field and add Sheela Stark as signer for Another Way.**
- 5) **VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Ms. Remington is requesting the Board's approval to appoint Mark Hendren as the SLS Representative for a one-year term. **6) Motion made to approve Mr. Hendren as the SLS Representative for a one-year term M/S/C Stewart/Buffington.** Ms. Remington abstained.

TRUSTEE INPUT:

Ms. Stark stated that due to a conflict in her schedule she is unable to attend the monthly Another Way meeting and is asking for a volunteer to attend on behalf of the Board. Mr. Leonard volunteered and will start attending in November.

Mr. Page shared that he as the ARCA Representative and Ms. Johnson attended the ARCA Strategic Planning meeting. It was a two-day event and it was wonderful.

Ms. Stark announced the Board's Annual Board Training is scheduled for March 22 and 23, 2019. It will be held at IRC in auditorium section B.

Ms. Stark adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. to go into Executive Session. Executive Session was called to order at 6:58 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:38 p.m. The Board did not take any action during Executive Session.

Ms. Stark adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Sincerely,



Alva Stewart
Board Secretary



Sheela Stark
Board Chair

MOTIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2018 MEETING:

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- 3) Motion made to approve the appointment of Evan Page to the Master Trust Committee M/S/C Stewart/Naranjo. Mr. Cameron Page abstained from voting.
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