

MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2019
Inland Counties Regional Center, Inc.
Board of Trustees Annual Meeting

BOARD PRESENT: Kiana Buffington; Carmen Estrada; Alicia Lara; Ted Leonard; Cameron Page; Donita Remington; Elvia Sanders; Gizelle Siojo; Joshua Souder; Sheela Stark; Alva Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eric Naranjo; Rene Rojo

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Sandra Guzman

BOARD FACILIATORS: Marie Andrews; Mary Garza; Ashwin Gaur; Robyn Souder

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Ferguson; Kurtis Franklin; Edyth Gallardo; Gabriel Ortiz

GUEST PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Stark called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2019 BOARD MEETING: 1) Motion made to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting as presented M/S/C Souder/Buffington.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

SELF DETERMINATION UPDATE: Mr. Meza reported that IRC's Self-Determination (SD) participant pilot program number was increased to 256. The increase was due to transfers from other regional centers interested in SD. IRC continues to hold participant orientations throughout its catchment area. Approximately 160 staff members are being trained on Person Centered Planning. Eventually every staff member will be trained. After attending the orientations, the participant's next step will be to create a spending plan and IPP. Jonathan Eckrich and his team are doing an excellent job communicating with families and keeping them updated on any updates or changes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ms. Johnson reported the following: 1) As June 27, 2019, IRC has 39,206 active consumers. This is an increase of 559 since May. This time last year, IRC had 35,606 consumers which is an increase of 3,596 consumer in a 12-month period. IRC currently has 773 employees. 502 serving in a case management capacity. In June 2019 two long term employees Joanne Ford and Charlotte Pennington retired. Charlotte was our longest-term employee having been with IRC for 43 years. 2) IRC received a letter from DDS regarding IRC not meeting the required staffing ratios. IRC is required to hold a community input meeting to gather feedback and report back to DDS. The meeting will be held at IRC on July 16 at 5:30. 3)

On May 17 IRC attended the Assembly Committee on Developmental Disabilities and presented to the committee on several issues, primarily how inadequate vendor rates are and lack of funding. These are the primary reason for inadequate services in the Inland Empire. The meeting was held in Coachella and was conducted by Assemblymembers Garcia and Frazier. 4) On May 18, The Family Conference: Autism and Intellectual Disabilities from Identification to Transition was held in conjunction with UCR Riverside at their UCR Palm Desert campus. Unfortunately, only 40 individuals or 26% attended. 5) Approximately 250 consumers and family members attended the CAC Aloha Night on June 21. A special thank you and congratulations goes out to the CAC and IRC's Community Engagement Unit for their efforts. 6) IRC's annual Employee Appreciation Day was held on May 22 and was a huge success. Ms. Johnson thanked Maria Harkin and the entire HR unit for their efforts. 7) In June, IRC recognized and congratulated Marlen Palacios as the Hercules Award winner and Shondra Celestine as the Positivity Contagious Award winner. 8) Ms. Johnson stated she was extremely pleased to announce that on May 15 IRC received a "no exception" on our audit. This makes the third consecutive year we have had no exceptions. Ms. Johnson thanked the staff for all their hard work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **ANOTHER WAY COMMITTEE:** Ms. Gonzales submitted a written report. There were no questions from the Board.
2. **CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Mr. Nelson provided a written report. The Board was given the opportunity to read it and had no questions.
3. **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** Ms. Cummings submitted a written report. The Board had no questions.
4. **VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Ms. Remington submitted a written report and highlighted the following: 1) Vendors expressed concern regarding hiring staff and being able to retain them. 2) Vendors continue to have difficulties reaching CSCs and getting a quick reply. 3) The challenges vendors face due to lack of standard practices. Some authorizations are received without standardization or consistent explanation. 4) Increase in costs. 5) The May Revised having an increase for some vendors but not all.
5. **MASTER TRUST COMMITTEE:** Ms. Miller submitted a written report. There were no questions.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **REVISED BYLAWS:** Mr. Beckett went over the changes made to the Bylaws. Principal changes were made to page 23, section 8 Checks and Notes: clarifying who can sign

checks, promissory notes etc. On page 24, section 11 Execution of Contract and Other Documents: "Indebtedness" was removed and signers were added. Ms. Remington requested the following changes: on page 20, section 5 Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC): Members of the VAC serve a two (2) years term and not to exceed two consecutive terms. On page 8, section 2 items c and d Public Input: allotted time was changed to three minutes. Items c and d will be changed to read "a maximum of five minutes..." in order to keep the option of three to five minutes. **2) Motion made to approve the Bylaws as presented with the additions of page 20, section 5 VAC terms and page 8, section 2 items c and d allotted time to maximum of five minutes M/S/C Leonard/Lara. 3) Motion made to change the signer's name from Cameron Page to Alva Stewart on the Bylaws M/S/C Page/Souder.**

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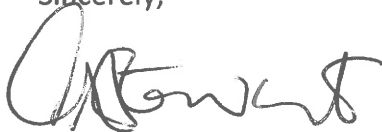
Ms. Stark hoped everyone had a wonderful 4th of July!

Ms. Stark adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m. to go into Executive Session. Executive Session was called to order at 5:50 p.m.

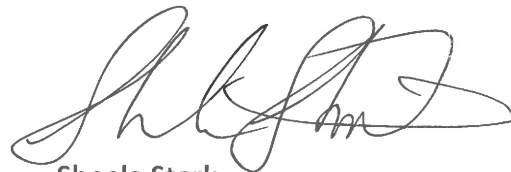
The Board reconvened at 7:13 p.m. The Board took action on health benefit matters during Executive Session.

Mr. Page adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Sincerely,



Alva Stewart
Board Secretary



Sheela Stark
Board Chair

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