MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
COASTAL DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES FOUNDATION
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Joseph Allen
                Nilo Choudhry
                Cammy DuPont
                Zoe Giesberg
                Betty Pearson-Grimble
                Todd Rubien
                Alejandro Soschin
                Russell Tanner
                Sofia Vergara
                David Wyles

MEMBERS ABSENT:    JoanElaine Anderson, Austin Dove, Elizabeth Espinosa,
                Philip Jackson, Myra Mezquita, Vanda Yung

STAFF PRESENT:     Tom Kelly, Danny Franco, Cesar Garcia, Hillary Kessler,
                Liz Spencer, Mary Lou Weise-Stusser, Sonya Lowe, Lisa
                Basiri, Linda Butler, Soryl Marowitz, Maureen McKinney,
                Anjanette Robinson, Sonia Soriano, Megan Tommet-
                Ramirez, Faben Fantu, Kaely Shillakes, Ereida Galda,
                Philomena Morais

GUESTS:            Francisco Pineda, Trisha Cozine, Ayode Woods, Adriana
                Madrigal, Zak Choudhry, Matthew Seymour, Alyssa
                Jackson, Sharon Etchison, Josh Franklin, Felicia Ford,
                Hope Beale, Josh Collins, Francis Gomez, Delthyea Ate,
                Mary Hernandez (DDS), Sonia Ramos, Rosie Lasca, Alison
                Beier, Janet Astocondor, Beverly Hutchinson, Leticia
                Antonio, Carlyn Meshack, Shellenia Leftridge, Rayvone
                Douthard, Katherine Alsop, Vanessa Gomez, Keith Jones,
                Marcia James, Barbara McCants, Sue Williams, Raymundo
                Blanco, Sylvia Fahimian, Wesley Witherspoon, Jack
                Nieves, Judy Mark, Esther Kelsey, Brett Gordon

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting was called to order by Board President, Alejandro Soschin, at 6:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:
It was established that the members present represented a quorum necessary pursuant to
Section 3.03 (g) of the bylaws of Westside Regional Center which states:

(g) Quorum
A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) members of the corporation. Provided, however, that a quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the Directors then in office at any time when the number of Directors then in office is less than ten (10).

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
Alejandro Soschin, Board President, welcomed everyone to Westside Regional Center and reminded everyone to sign in to make sure they would be informed of upcoming events. Todd Rubien read the WRC Mission Statement.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT
CAC West invited everyone to see their upcoming performance. Judy Marks reported that the Autism Society of Los Angeles is having a free intensive training for people who speak a language other than English on October 4th and 6th. Judy Marks also reported that there will be a self-determination conference November 15th and 16th at the Double Tree Hotel across from Westside Regional Center. She said that you don’t need to be in the self-determination program to attend the conference. Bruce Coffer offered legal help to empower people we serve and he said that he is here to help in any way he can and to visit his website: www.theconservertaship.com.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE JULY 10, 2019 BOARD MEETING (ACTION*)
Nilo Choudhry, Board Co-Secretary (Motion) and Russell Tanner, Board Member (Second) the approval of the July 10, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE JULY 10, 2019 BOARD MEETING.

No public comment. The motion passed.

9 AYES
0 NO
0 ABSTENTIONS

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT
Alejandro Soschin, Board President, wanted to thank everyone here and everyone who has shared their perspectives in July. The Board is hopeful that the things discussed here tonight is moving forward in a positive way.

REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Dr. Tom Kelly reported he wanted to begin with acknowledgments. He said Westside has been though a lot of change recently and regardless of the change things are still getting done well. Self-Determination is moving forward here and we are very close to completion. He stated he wants to make this transition of leadership as smooth as possible. He ended his report by asking to remember our mission and to remember why we do this job.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
FINANCE
Cammy DuPont reported they met at 5pm and the summary of the budget is in the back. The expectation is all of the remaining money will be spent by the end of the year.

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Todd Rubien reported CAC attended a police open house and they have attended the person-centered thinking training. They also are working with emergency preparedness groups.

POLITICAL ACTION
Nilo Choudhry reported she submitted and filed her report with the Board and copies are available in the back of the room. She provided a summary of her report.

CLIENT SERVICE
David Wyles reported on the updated standards for Specialized Supervision and Personal Assistance. He provided a copy of the updates and gave a summary of what each would change.

SPECIALIZED SUPERVISION STANDARDS
APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED STANDARDS OF SPECIALIZED SUPERVISION. (ACTION*)
David Wyles (Motion) and Joseph Allen (Second) approval of the updated standards of specialized supervision.
RESOLUTION: TO APPROVE THE UPDATED STANDARDS FOR SPECIALIZED SUPERVISION.
After public comment, the motion passed:
9 AYES
0 NO
0 ABSTENTIONS

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE STANDARDS
APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED STANDARD FOR ADULTS FOR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE. (ACTION*)
RESOLUTION: TO APPROVE THE UPDATED STANDARDS FOR ADULTS FOR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE.
After public comment, the motion passed:
9 AYES
0 NO
0 ABSTENTIONS

ARCA
Dr. Tom Kelly reported there have been a lot of discussions about imaging. There is a lot of negative perspective from the legislative standpoint. We have been hearing more of what we are not doing and we need to balance out what the legislators are hearing. He
also stated that they are looking into live streaming the Board Meetings to help get the outreach to more of our community.

STRATEGIC PLANNING
Alejandro Soschin reported it has felt like a very productive dialogue and they are having stakeholders from all over. They are talking about what it is we can focus on and what we all have in common and how to build on those ideas. They are currently setting the ground rules for a strategic planning meeting to take place. It will be a place of respect, and where there is honest dialogue where we listen to each other. Outreach and engagement is important and they are currently working on what they can do to bring in the people who can’t attend the meetings. Some options they have brought up include video streaming the meetings or having the meetings in other locations. They have asked the people at the previous meetings to think of anyone who should be at these meetings who currently is not at them. He let everyone know that if you are invited to come to the meetings or if you are already at the meetings you need to be willing to do the work involved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH
There needs to be a process to identify the new executive director and involve all the different stakeholders. The Board will ultimately make the decision. A task force will be created to only search for the executive director and identify someone to coordinate the activities. The task force will be helmed by a Board member with a variety of stakeholders, so everyone in the community feels involved in the process. Sofia Vergara volunteered to lead the task force and Betty Pearson-Gamble volunteered to assist her. Other board members will help as well.

VOLUNTEER TO LEAD THE TASK FORCE TO LOOK FOR AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
(ACTION*)
Alejandro Soschin, Board President (Motion) and Sofia Vergara, Board Member (Second) the approval of the creation of the task force to find a new executive director.
RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF THE CREATION OF THE TASK FORCE TO FIND A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
No public comment. The motion passed:
8 AYES
1 NO
0 ABSTENTIONS

SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY
No updates

FAMILY EMPOWERMENT CENTER
Liz Spencer reported that the FREC served 395 families and over the last 6 months had 843 contacts. She reported that Disneyland has notified the agencies that have the discounted Disneyland tickets that the program will be put on hold until the first of the
year. They are revamping the program and Liz will let the Board know when the updates are available. They have sibling support groups starting soon, serving 10-17 year old siblings; beginning a partner group with Tiger group, called Learning Rights and they will be teaching about autism spectrum disorder and the challenges in developmental areas; and a group starting in October with LMU with both undergraduates and graduates working with families on three topics: (1) reviewing your child’s IEP, (2) preparing for your child’s next IEP and (3) reviewing and understanding rights and responsibilities.

EQUITY COMMITTEE
Dr. Tom Kelly reported that the equity committee has done informational videos for the website.

SELF DETERMINATION
They continue to meet monthly. The next meeting will be October 15th. This coming Sunday from 11:30 – 1:30 there is a self-determination fair. Everyone is welcome to attend. They will have a variety of groups there to see if you want to work with them. Statewide about 25% of the people chosen have dropped out and there will be a new draw by DDS on October 1st. The names on the waitlist will get the first priority and the draw will be based more on age. At this time there are more children than adults picked, so it is very likely the people chosen to replace those that have dropped out will be ‘older adults.’

PUBLIC COMMENT
We are currently trying to put together a successful job fair and are looking for people to help out and to help get people in the door.

ADJOURNMENT
After Closed Session, the regular Board Meeting was adjourned by Alejandro Soschin at 9:20pm.

[Signatures]
Nilo Choudhry
Board Co-Secretary

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Todd Rubien
Board Co-Secretary