

Board of Directors' Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, November 18, 2024, 6:30 pm
North Bay Regional Center - Via Zoom

NBRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Martha Valdez, President, Sonoma County
Rosemarie Pérez, Sonoma County
Andrea Bednarova, Treasurer
Ravinder Rangji, Solano County

Sara Speck, Vice President, Solano County
Joanne Giardello, Solano County
Sahira Arroyos, Solano County
Breeanne Kolster, VAC Representative

NBRC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronald Gers, Secretary, Sonoma County
Carl Vinson, Solano County

NBRC STAFF PRESENT:

Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director
Debra Kircher, BCBA

Mariam Guirguis, Executive Assistant – Compliance
Katy Vanzant, Quality Assurance Supervisor

GUESTS:

Victor Duron, California Health and Human Services
Kaela Talafili – BI
Alisha Krupinsky – Lifehouse Agency
Amanda Pagel, Empowered Living SLS
Amber L, ICS Interpreter
Anja Hansen, Lifehouse Program Manager
Darelyn Pazdel
David Washington
Debbi Davis
Derek Hearthtower (they/them)
Gina Clark

Jackie Slater – Lifehouse
Jasmine Carlin
Jerry
Jess - Milestones of Development
Leanne Chisham – Lifehouse Agency
Martha
Meddie Cueva
Paula Finley-BI
Ricky
Susan Fabiano
Toya Adams – First 5 Solano
Zoom user

MINUTES

CLOSED SESSION –

The board moved into closed session at 5:30pm to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a regional center employee.

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION-

- A. Report on any action taken during closed session.
 - a. The board returned from the closed session at 6:30pm and there was no action taken.

CALL TO ORDER – Martha Valdez, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS – Sara Speck, Board Vice President, conducted roll call and confirmed quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of October 21, 2024, be approved as submitted.

M/S/C (Speck/Bednarova) Moved to approve the minutes as submitted.

**APPROVED
UNANIMOUS**

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA – No additions or modifications by board members.

M/S/C (Speck/Bednarova) Moved to approve the agenda as submitted.

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PRESENTATION ON MASTER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES PROCESS –

Victor Duron, Chief Deputy Director, California Department of Rehabilitation, presented an overview of the master plan for developmental services process. The presentation can be found as an attachment to the November Executive Committee packet on NBRC's website.

- The public provided input during the presentation.
 - o Derek Hearhtower, Community Member, shared the following via chat.
 - I'm on Workgroup 1 and a regional center client. The biggest problem with the system is underlying philosophy of "shut up and do what you are told." In other words, the medical model of disability. I'm consistently being shut down and retaliated against when I express my needs. I don't feel safe. I am pushing for some sort of quality assessment or bill of rights that is made by clients.
 - o Leanne Chisham, Lifehouse Agency shared the following via chat.
 - Give a list of available resources to supported individuals. Often, we don't find out that there are available resources until something has been unseen or unheard for a long time.
 - o Zoom User shared via chat in Spanish.
 - Necesitamos más servicios de la salud mental en el condado de Sonoma.
 - *Translated to English:* We need more services for mental health in Sonoma County.
 - o Gina Clark, Community Member, shared via chat.
 - Maybe having providers be required to inquire if an individual being served would like an advocate present for appointment/service in the same way they inquire if individuals require translation. I had a client in the hospital, and I had to advocate loudly to ensure that the client had support during all conversations with the doctor so that we could ensure understanding.

For more information or to get in contact, please email DSMasterPlan@chhs.ca.gov or visit the website at www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-developmental-services

OTHER BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURNMENT – Martha Valdez, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.