

**A.B. & Jessie Polinsky Children’s Center
Advisory Board Meeting
9400 Ruffin Court, Building A
San Diego, CA 92123
In-Person Meeting**

**PCC MEETING NO. 180
April 4, 2023 – 12pm**

Present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Jessica Heldman – Chair
Pamela Hunt
Geri Sander

REGULAR ATTENDEES: Norma Rincon
Stephanie Ortega

GUESTS: Patricia Picazo (PCC)
Vilma Martinez-Vallecillo (CWS)
Brittney Mortensen (P2K)
Caitlin Radigan (JIT)
Adam Racusin (ABC 10News)

CALL TO ORDER

- Jessica Heldman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm

AGENDA ITEMS

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Introductions
- Language Services Available for PCC Youth
 - Child Welfare Services (CWS) offers over 200+ languages for translation
 - Certified CWS employees speak 17 languages
- PCC Advisory Board Meeting Update
 - PCC Advisory Board may retire by the end of June
 - The goal is to integrate the PCC Advisory Board into the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Norma Rincon (PCC Director) motioned to approve meeting minutes from June 28, 2022, September 27, 2022, and January 10, 2023, meetings.
 - Pamela Hunt approved, and Jessica Heldman seconded this motion

IV. POLINSKY CHILDREN'S CENTER MANAGEMENT/PROGRAM(S) UPDATE

- Facilities Updates
 - Current PCC Population: 34 youth
 - Youth under 6 years of age
 - 3
 - Youth between 6-12 years of age
 - 12
 - Youth between 13-17 years of age
 - 19
 - Data
 - Current (July-March) FY 2022 – 2023
 - Average Daily Population: 34 Children
 - 10-Day Placed: 13 Days
 - AWOL Unduplicated # of Children: 79
 - Children Over 30 Days: 19
 - Renovations
 - Renovations Completed
 - PCC School
 - Cottage D, F, G, H
 - Renovations In-Progress
 - Cottage E, to be completed April 22nd
 - Next Renovation
 - Cottage B
 - Cottage C
 - Cafeteria
 - Upgrade industrial appliances
 - Cafeteria salad bar to open soon
 - C-19
 - C-19 protocols continue at PCC, including the use of masks and C-19 testing of youth upon entry

- Staffing
 - Recruitment efforts continues
 - Office Assistants (OA), Residential Care Workers (RCW), Residential Childcare Specialists (RCCS), Residential Care Supervisors (RCS), and Recreational Therapist are currently in the process of being hired
 - Protective Services Supervisor (PSS) hired
- Activities and Events
 - Received grant to expand cooking classes into the weekend and gardening classes to begin this Spring
 - An activity calendar is posted every month
 - PCC Campus Events
 - January – Czech History Month, Annual Black College Expo, Waterfront Park, Belmont Park, Fleet Science Center, Sesame Place, AMC Theatres, Sea World, USS Midway Museum, Chuck E. Cheese’s, San Diego Zoo, Pelly’s Mini Golf
 - February – Black History Month, AMC Theatres, Chuck E. Cheese’s, Fleet Science Center, Sea World, USS Midway Museum, Belmont Park, San Diego Zoo, Pelly’s Mini Golf, Valentine’s Day, Super Bowl Sunday
 - March – AMC Theatres, San Diego Zoo, USS Midway Museum, Chuck E. Cheese’s, Fleet Science Center, Belmont Park, Sea World, Pelly’s Mini Golf, Comic Con Museum, Dr, Seuss Birthday, St. Patrick Day, International Women’s Day
 - Board Letters
 - Board Letter submitted to the Board of Supervisor’s on Tuesday, April 4th to accept donations of over \$5,000 for PCC

Future Agenda Item Suggestions:

- Strategies to reduce the number of AWOL’s
- Exit interviews or feedback mechanisms for youth regarding their experience at PCC

V. PROMISES2KIDS

- Activities and Events
 - Guardian Scholar Program
 - Arizona college tour
 - San Francisco Career Tour (Summer 2023)
 - San Pasqual Academy
 - Youth2Youth (Y2Y) Program update

- New Business
 - Youth2Youth (Y2Y)
 - Increased number of mentors
 - Providing more training
 - PCC High School enrollment support
- New Programs
 - Mentoring
 - Youth2Youth (Y2Y) mentors continue efforts to mentor youth after 18 years of age focusing on cultural and sexual identity
 - Camp Connect
 - Siblings who have been separated
 - Youth2Youth (Y2Y) participating

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1:07pm

*Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Deseree Campos-Darby