

**A.B. & JESSIE POLINSKY CHILDREN'S CENTER  
ADVISORY BOARD  
9400-B Ruffin Court  
San Diego, CA 92123**

**PCC MEETING NO. 164  
November 26, 2019 – 12 PM**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Jessica Heldman- Chair  
Geri Sanders

**REGULAR ATTENDEES:** Theresa Peleska  
Stephanie Ortega

**GUESTS:** Jerelyn Bourdage  
Patricia Picazo

**Not Present:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Sarah Pauter- Vice Chair  
Pamela Hunt

**REGULAR ATTENDEES:** Connie Cain

**Call to Order**

- Jessica Heldman called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**I. Public Comments**

- None

**II. Introductions / Announcements**

- Jessica Heldman stated that with no quorum official business could not be conducted.
- Promises2Kids has one board vacancy. They are in the process of searching for candidates.
  - Jessica suggested it be someone with lived experience.

### III. Approval of Minutes

- Since lacking a quorum, the minutes could not be approved. The approval of September's minutes will be postponed until the January meeting.

### IV. PCC / DSEP Extension Board Letter

- The current contract for medical has been extended from June 2019 to December 31, 2019. The contract is open for bid and the contract will be extended to June 2020.

### V. Management / Program Update

#### a) Facilities Update

- Protective film on windows will be installed
- Lobby tv will run an educational loop about CWS
- Gaps in walls – work in progress
- Safety walk-thru completed
- Population has increased
- Remodel – scheduled for winter 2020
  - Convert toddler cottage to office space and move toddlers to serenity cottage
  - Convert space at school for staff (ESCU, CARE, New Alternatives) – allow for opportunity for school to reuse the space if needed

#### b) Staffing Update

- 125 new social workers countywide
- December hiring hall for RCW/RCS – will occur every 2-3 months
- Use UNI staff frequently (mental health aides and CNAs)
- New warehouse staff starting in January
- Hiring a full-time recreational therapist

#### c) Activities and Events

- Movie nights
- Art activities
- Fall festival – huge success
- Helen Woodward animal therapy twice a month

#### d) Ethics Training

- Will send Geri a link via email to complete the training

### VI. Promise2Kids

#### a) Activities and Events

- Healthy Adventures – sports, cooking classes
- Jenny Rifcam 90<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Youth to Youth
- Holiday shopping – 900 foster youth

- Holiday drive
- Camp Connect – Universal Studios
- Overnight in Big Bear
- Movie night / dinner / gift exchange

b) New Business

- African American Hair Styling – someone is in background to offer hair styles and to teach kids how to do their hair – use as a positive reinforcement for teens
  - Jessica might have a donor to pay for future styling

**VII. Next Meeting Date / Time**

- Tuesday, January 28, 2019 at 12:00 pm (Board member tour of PCC at 11:30 am)

**VIII. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm

*Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Kim Mitchell.*

APPROVED