

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

PCC MEETING NO. 165
January 28, 2020 – 12 PM

Minutes

Present:

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| BOARD MEMBERS: | Jessica Heldman- Chair (telephonically) Geri Sanders Pamela Hunt | REGULAR ATTENDEES: | Connie Cain Theresa Peleska Stephanie Ortega |
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Call to Order

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

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Public Comments

- None

II. Introductions / Announcements

- Promises2Kids is searching for a candidate to fill their one board vacancy.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Jessica Heldman motioned to approve the minutes from September 24, 2019 and November 26, 2019. Geri Sanders seconded.

IV. Management / Program Update

a) Facilities Update

- Population has been steadily increasing. Possibly due to STRTP restrictions, increased petitions and/or lack of foster homes.
- Need data to support other places for children to go (Jessica to discuss at Child & Family Strengthening Board).
- Campus safety walk completed. 14 cracks identified to be fixed.
- Cottage graffiti and property destruction.
- School not receptive to utilizing their space for office expansion.

b) Staffing Update

- New manager is in the background process. Tentative start date is 3/6/20.
- 19 new staff coming from the December hiring hall (9 approved/10 still in background).
- On-call temporary staffing – going to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
- Provide additional training for new staff
 - Nurtured Hearts – a training program designed to build on the positive. Three PCC staff have become certified trainers.
- Losing seasoned staff to promotions
 - Create Social Worker III and Protective Services Worker positions, so staff can promote within.

c) Activities and Events

- Gardening project
- Movie nights
- Art activities
- Helen Woodward animal therapy
- Programs for under 6 years-old
- Preschool teacher

d) Ethics Training

- Geri completed the training.
- If Sarah stays on the Board or completes a second term, she will need to complete the training.

V. Promise2Kids

a) Activities and Events

- Theresa to attend Youth2Youth
- Guardian Scholars – good for interacting with teens
 - 2/14/20 Guardian Scholar applications due
 - 60 mentors needed

b) New Business

- Transition Life Coach
 - Look into a Transition Life Coach to help extended foster care youth who are aging out of the system at age 21 – trust/management fund
 - Federal/state/county level – pilot program

VI. Next Meeting Date / Time

- Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 2:00 pm

VII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm