

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

**PCC MEETING NO. 166
April 21, 2020 – 2 PM**

Minutes

Present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Jessica Heldman- Chair
Geri Sander
Pamela Hunt
Sara Pauter

REGULAR ATTENDEES: Norma Rincon
Elizabeth Rosas
Tonya Torosian
Stephanie Ortega

GUESTS: Jerelyn Bourdage
Patricia Picazo

Call to Order

- Sara Pauter called the Skype meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Public Comments

- None

II. Introductions / Announcements

- Connie Cain – on leave, Norma Rincon assigned to PCC temporarily
- Theresa Peleska – retired, Elizabeth Rosas assigned as acting manager

III. Approval of Minutes

- Pamela Hunt motioned to approve the minutes from January 28, 2020. Jessica Heldman seconded.

IV. Management / Program Update

a) Facilities Update

- Population is currently at 56.
 - Referrals have decreased.
 - Placements have increased. 3-6 children scheduled for placement today.
 - Trend change since the last meeting – related to COVID-19 (sheltering in place & children not attending school).

- Elizabeth Rosas and Kim Saelens are conducting a thorough assessment of PCC to prioritize repairs and improvements.
- COVID-19 related items:
 - How has length of stay changed at PCC? Provide length of stay numbers for May meeting.
 - Equipment concerns – adequate supplies on hand: 100 gowns, 500 surgical masks, 120 cloth masks, 60 N-95 masks, 70 boxes small gloves, 25 boxes medium gloves, 200 boxes large gloves, 50 boxes XL gloves.
 - Nurse screening at the front door - temperature taken/verbal questions
 - Positive items – Skype for meetings, teleworking, electronic signatures accepted at court

b) Staffing Update

- Hiring approx. 50 Residential Care Workers.
- Staffing changes across the County due to temporary assignments related to COVID-19.
- Norma Rincon temporarily assigned to PCC as Deputy Director.
- Elizabeth Rosas is Acting Manager replacing Theresa Peleska who retired.

c) Activities and Events

- Gardening project
- Movie nights
- Art activities
- Helen Woodward animal therapy – on hold due to COVID-19 (Tonya to follow up to see when they will return)
- Programs for under 6 years-old
- Preschool teacher
- Healthy Adventures

d) Ethics Training

- Current

e) Board Letters

- PCC Physical Health Services and DSEP Extension
 - Current contract expired 12/2019
 - Extension authorized through 6/2020
 - Asking for extension until 12/31/2020 – looking at splitting the contract
 - Pam voiced concerns over requesting another extension.
- Donations
 - \$50,913 in donations will be presented at the June 2 Board Meeting.
 - \$30,980 for the benefit of children at PCC, \$19,993 for the benefit of foster and adoptive children (involved with CWS)
 - Share Board Letter with the PCC Board at the next meeting.

V. Promise2Kids

a) Activities and Events

- Funding approved to provide additional Healthy Adventure activities from 4/15/2020 thru 6/1/2020.
- Rady's providing additional support in nursing and teaching resources.
- Concert rescheduled for September.
- Youth2Youth – not working on campus.

b) New Business

- Support during COVID-19
 - Older kids (college-age) have the greatest need
 - Special fundraising for them (approx. 50 kids)
 - Prevent dire need – utilize food bank, EFC money, another job
 - \$250K needed over the next few months
 - Emotional care is number one – 75% may be unemployed.
 - Guardian Scholars to assist along with mentors.
 - Distance learning
 - Rady's helpers, PSWs,
 - San Diego Unified – online as of 4/27/2020
- \$20K gift card grant (for positive reinforcement)
 - Stephanie will provide more info at the next meeting.

VI. Next Meeting Date / Time

- Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 12:00 pm
- Jessica will send a follow-up email regarding data to be presented at the meetings and drafting a fiscal year-end report.

VII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Kim Mitchell.