

**A.B. & Jessie Polinsky Children's Center
Advisory Board Meeting
9400 Ruffin Court
San Diego, CA 92123
Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams**

**PCC MEETING NO. 176
March 22, 2022 – 12pm**

Minutes

Present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Jessica Heldman – Chair
Robert O'Connell

REGULAR ATTENDEES: Norma Rincon
Stephanie Ortega

GUESTS: Jenny Rodriguez
Patricia Picazo
Deseree Darby-Campos
Melinda Katona (Public)

CALL TO ORDER

- Jessica Heldman (Chair) called the virtual meeting to order at 12:10 pm

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONTINUANCE OF TELECONFERENCING MEETING OPTION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)

- Find that the PCC Advisory Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency
- Find that State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

III. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Youth Engagement Action Steps
 - Adding young adult member to Advisory Board
 - Short-term strategy: Invite Youth2Youth and Youth trainees from SD County Live Well Youth Sector to join as members of the public
 - Long-term strategy: Nominate candidate with lived experience to become a seated member of the PCC Advisory Board
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Inquire about PCC advisory Board bi-laws update for long term strategy
- Ordinance Language Follow-up

- Steps to be identified to update the language of the ordinance to change “Business Plan” to “Annual Plan”

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 14, 2021 meeting minutes
 - Approval deferred to due to no quorum. Review and approval of Minutes will be postponed until next meeting
- March 22, 2022 meeting minutes

V. MANAGEMENT/PROGRAM UPDATES

- Facilities Update
 - Current PCC Population: 55
 - PCC population started to decline at the start of the pandemic and was as low as 45
 - During the pandemic, youth quarantined in separate Areas
 - PCC enlisted the assistance of New Alternatives, inc. to assist with placement of youth during times of quarantine
 - A total of 10 youth, including sibling sets, were temporarily placed at New Alternatives, inc.
 - PCC Renovations began February 14, 2022
 - PCC School and Cottage G are receiving the first renovations
 - PCC continues to follow COVID-19 mask protocols
- Staffing update
 - None
- Activities and events
 - Activities
 - PCC youth continue to participate in various outings
 - Outings included Circus Vargas, Balboa Park, Ruben H. Fleet Science Center and more
 - Recreational Therapist is developing a music program for teens
 - On the third Thursday of every month, PCC hosts a Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Day
 - School
 - PCC students will be on Spring Break from March 28, 2022, thru April 1, 2022
 - Fun activities have been planned for youth to participate in during spring break
- Board Letters
 - PCC Annual Donations
 - Annual Donations Board Letter for 2021 will be presented to the board on April 26, 2022.
 - Annual Donations Report is put forth every year for the previous year
- PCC Identified Needs
 - None
- New Programs

- 3 PCC youth have been identified to participate in the Just in Time for Foster Youth (JIT) mentoring program
- PCC has partnered with the juvenile probation and their Achievement Center to provide after school support for PCC youth
 - Hours will include Monday – Friday from 3pm – 8pm
 - Eligible Youth are currently being identified

VI. PROMISES2KIDS

- Activities and Events
 - None
- New Business
 - P2K is working with a company to sponsor the refresh and maintain one of the cottages on PCC's campus
 - Youth2Youth (Y2Y) will assist in choosing the colors for the refreshed cottage
 - Cottage E on PCC Campus to be renamed after P2K donor
- Youth2Youth
 - 2 youth have resigned; recruitment is in process to fill the positions
- P2K Identified Needs
 - None
- New Programs
 - None

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME: June 28, 2022, 12pm

- Follow-up items
 - Future meeting location discussion (virtual, in-person, hybrid, etc.)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 12:54pm