

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

**PCC MEETING NO. 177  
June 28, 2022 – 12pm**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Jessica Heldman – Chair  
Robert O’Connell  
Pamela Hunt  
Geri Sander

**REGULAR ATTENDEES:** Norma Rincon  
Stephanie Ortega

**GUESTS:** Patricia Picazo  
Deseree Campos-Darby  
Alfredo Guardado  
Lerone Jenkins  
Alicia Rogers  
Balambal Bharti

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Jessica Heldman (Chair) called the virtual meeting to order at 12:04 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.
  - Jessica Heldman (Chair) motioned to continue meeting via teleconferencing
    - Robert O’Connell seconded the motion

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

### III. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Introductions
- Ordinance Language Follow-up
  - Steps to be identified to update the language of the ordinance to change “Business Plan” to “Annual Plan”
    - **ACTION ITEM:** Follow-up about PCC Advisory Board bi-laws
- Future meeting location discussion (Virtual, in-person, hybrid, etc.)
  - Meetings will continue to be held virtually
  - In-person meetings will resume once public health department declares an end to the endemic
    - Stephanie Ortega proposes in person meetings be held at Promises2Kids

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Jessica Heldman (Chair) motioned to approve meeting minutes from December 14, 2021, and March 22, 2022
  - Robert O’Connell seconded this motion

### V. POLINSKY CHILDREN’S CENTER MANAGEMENT/PROGRAM UPDATES

- Presentation: A.B. & Jessie Polinsky Children’s Center Temporary Shelter
  - Presentation provided an overview of PCC
    - Updated presentation attached

### VI. PROMISES2KIDS

- Youth2Youth
  - Youth2Youth presentation scheduled for next meeting on September 27, 2022

### VII. NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME: September 27, 2022, 12pm

- Follow-up items
  - Topics for future agenda Items:
    - Youth2Youth
    - Efforts to reduce the number of youths leaving the facility without approval
    - Response to youth experiencing a mental health crisis

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 12:59pm

\*Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Krystle Savage

# A.B. & JESSIE POLINSKY CHILDREN'S CENTER

## TEMPORARY SHELTER CARE FACILITY



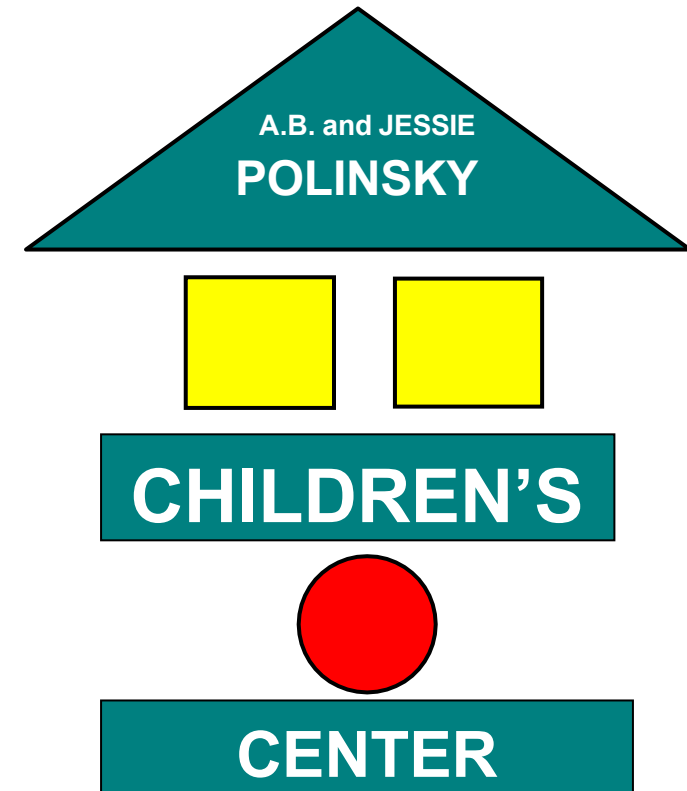
## A.B. & JESSIE POLINSKY CHILDREN'S CENTER



The County opened A.B. & Jessie Polinsky Children's Center (PCC) in 1994 after a collaborative public and private partnership with Promises2Kids. PCC serves as a 24 hour, 10-day Temporary Shelter Care Facility (TSCF) under the administration of Child Welfare Services (CWS). PCC provides services to children ages 0 to 17 years old who cannot safely remain with their family of origin due to abuse and/or neglect.

The PCC campus includes six residential cottages, an infant nursery, medical clinic, school, library, cafeteria, gymnasium, two swimming pools, two playgrounds and an athletic field.

PCC is licensed by the California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing (CCL), Title 22 Regulations, division for



children.

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## GOALS OF PCC

- Stabilize children experiencing a transition in their family by providing a friendly, healing, and supportive environment to cope, thrive, and have their immediate needs met.
- Provide quality and comprehensive assessment of children's needs and provide individualized, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive services.
- Collaborate with other CWS staff to locate a kinship caregiver or resource family within ten days, who can safely care for the child and provide a permanent connection if the child is unable to return to their family of origin.



# CORE SERVICES

- Physical Health Clinic
- Mental Health Services
- Developmental Screening and Enhancement Program (DSEP)
- Emergency Shelter Care Unit (ESCU)



# ADMINISTRATION



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## Deputy Director

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Norma Rincon

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## Protective Services Program Managers

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Alicia Rogers

Elizabeth Rosas

Lerone Jenkins





## DEMOGRAPHICS (CALENDAR YEAR)\*

Ethnicity	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022**
Asian/PI	30	37	23	46	12
Black	256	315	243	288	96
Latino	554	499	330	262	105
Native American	4	12	6	15	6
White	384	375	421	393	187
<b>Total</b>	<b>1228</b>	<b>1238</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>1004</b>	<b>406</b>

**\* Unduplicated Data**

**\*\* Data reported is from January – May 31<sup>st</sup>**

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# POPULATION TRENDS (CALENDAR YEAR)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Children Served (Unduplicated # of Children)	1228	1238	1023	1004	406
Average Daily Population (Duplicated # of Children)	34	52	64	61	59
10 Day Model Length of Stay	9	13	18	14	12
AWOL (Unduplicated # of Children)	73	98	88	121	60

\* Data reported is from January – May 31<sup>st</sup>

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# PCC AND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- Closures / Shutdowns
  - Schools
  - Services
- Placement Resources
  - NEST Homes
  - Resource Homes
  - STRTPS
  - FFAs
  - Relatives
- Staffing





# PCC PANDEMIC RESPONSE

## TEMPORARILY REASSIGNED STAFF TO PCC

- 1 Protective Service Program Manager
- 7 Protective Service Supervisors
- 1 Senior Protective Services Worker
- 35 Protective Services Workers
- 42 Social Worker I, II, and III
- 60 Temporary Residential Care Workers
  - 2020: 57 Certified Temporary Employees Hired



# PCC PANDEMIC RESPONSE CONTINUED...

## SERVICES

- Public Health Nurse Training on COVID 19 Precautions
- Respiratory Protection Plan (RPP)
- On-site COVID-19 Testing for PCC Staff
- Temporary Trailers
- Emergency Temporary Shelter Care Facility (E-TSCF)



# RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

- Community Assessment Team (CAT)
- Achievement Center
- Just in Time
- Recreational Therapist
- Behavioral Health Services License Mental Health Clinicians
- San Diego Mobile Crisis Response Team
- Partnerships with Law Enforcement and Fire Department
- Telehealth
- Staff Psychologist
- ICARE and CSEC Response Team Advocates







## PLACEMENT EFFORTS

- Prioritize, expedite, and support placements for children at PCC
- Collaborate with community and legal partners to mitigate placement barriers, address youth's needs and enhance family finding efforts
- Enhance outreach and support pre-placement visits
- Attend and facilitate meetings to provide assessments, support, and resources

# THANK YOU!

Norma Rincon, Deputy Director



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