

**A.B. & Jessie Polinsky Children’s Center  
Advisory Board Meeting  
9400 Ruffin Court, Building A  
San Diego, CA 92123  
Hybrid Meeting**

**PCC MEETING NO. 179  
January 10, 2023 – 12pm**

**Present:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Jessica Heldman – Chair  
Pamela Hunt

**REGULAR ATTENDEES:** Norma Rincon  
Stephanie Ortega

**GUESTS:** Lerone Jenkins (PCC)  
Balambal Bharti (CWS)  
Patricia Picazo (PCC)  
Vilma Martinez-Vallecillo (CWS)  
Verona Hines (CWS)  
Rashida Elimu (P2K)  
Brittney Mortensen (P2K)  
Vanessa Villarreal (P2K)  
Dylan Quigley (Virtual)  
Joy Singleton (CFSAB)

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Jessica Heldman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**I. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Case study information, law enforcement data and expanding the availability of virtual options to attend the PCC Advisory were requested.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Introductions
- *Annual Report*
  - Ordinance Language Follow-up
    - Language update to change “Business Plan” to “Annual Plan”

- The language used in the PCC Ordinance will be changed from “Business plan” to “A.B. Jessie Children’s Center Annual Report”
- A section titled, “Sunset Review” to be added to ensure that PCC Ordinance be part of the regularly scheduled sunset review process
  - PCC Ordinance to be updated by the Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> sunset date
- Ethics Trainings
  - Bi-annual training for board members up to date
- PCC Identified Needs
  - Vacant PCC Advisory Board Seats
    - To be filled by District 1 and Promises2Kids
  - **Follow-up item:** Language services available for PCC Youth

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *Jessica Heldman (Chair) motioned to approve meeting minutes from June 28, 2022, September 27, 2022, and January 10, 2023, meetings*
  - *No quorum, approval tabled to next meeting*

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

- Facilities Updates
  - *Current PCC Population: 31 youth*
    - 11 teens
    - 7 youth under age 6
      - 1 sibling set of 3
    - 13 youth ages 6-12
  - Data
    - Current (July-Dec) FY 2022 – 2023
      - Average Daily Population: 41
      - 10-Day placed outcomes (Average Length of Stay): 12 Days
      - AWOL Unduplicated # of Children: 58
      - Children over 30 Days (Unduplicated): 61
        - As of January 9, 2023: 6
  - PCC renovations continue
    - PCC School and 3 cottages completed
  - C-19 protocols continue at PCC, including the use of Masks and C-19 testing of youth upon entry
- Staffing
  - Staff recruitment continues

- Office Assistants (OA), Residential Care Workers (RCW), and Residential Care Supervisors (RCS) are currently in background
  - New PCC Overnight Manager
    - Provides leadership and support to overnight staff from 10pm – 6am
- Activities and Events
  - PCC Cafeteria has re-opened
  - PCC Events
    - October – Mexican Heritage Month, Padres Games, SeaWorld, San Diego Automotive Museum, Staff vs. Kids Volleyball and Flag Football game, Visits to the Pumpkin Patch, Halloween Trick or Treating
    - November – Legoland, Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner on campus, Staff vs. Kids Basketball and Flag Football game, 4-D Black Panther Movie showing, SeaWorld, various cottage activities
    - December – San Diego Foster Angels Outing to Belmont Park, Christmas Eve Dinner, Promises2Kids Holiday Shopping event, San Diego Police Department (SDPD) Holiday Event, Various Cottage Activities
  - Board Letters
    - Annual plan will be going out to Advisory Board Members for review
      - Vacant seat to be filled by District 1
      - Candidate recommendations are welcomed
- New Programs
  - County of San Diego Mobile Library
    - PCC has reconnected with the County Library and is working together to support the library on campus

**V. PROMISES2KIDS**

- Activities and Events
  - P2K's Give from Your Heart Holiday Gift Drive
    - Over 10,000 toys distributed
    - 900 gift cards distributed
  - P2K Holiday Shopping Spree
    - Served 1,000 Foster Youth
  - Guardian Scholars Holiday Shopping Event
    - Over 150 Foster Youth participated
  - Ongoing Camp-Connect events
    - 40 siblings participated in the Camp-Connect Holiday Event
    - Preparations for the Camp-Connect Summer Camp has begun
  - January is Mentor Appreciation Month

- Nearly 200 active mentors in the Guardian Scholars Mentor Program
- New Business
  - Youth2Youth (Y2Y)
  - Y2Y coordinated with PCC Recreation Therapist to develop additional supports for youth post high school graduation
  - 5 new Y2Y mentors
    - Y2Y mentors are paired with teens transitioning out of PCC and into Extended Foster Care
    - Y2Y focuses on career needs and school
  - 15 new Y2Y Mentors are in background
  - Have identified a new Board member, Arianne Condrick Bettazzi
    - Introduction to be sent out
- New Programs
  - Continued partnership with KidSTART
    - Ensuring children 0-5 years old have the support they need
  - Continues to fund Health and Wellness to keep youth active and engaged
    - Programs include Cooking, gardening, and extracurricular activities
  - Pet Therapy to return to PCC. More information to come

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME: April 4, 2023, 12pm

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm

\*Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Deseree Campos-Darby