

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SEQUOIA HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
May 13, 2015  
Conference Room, 525 Veterans Boulevard  
Redwood City, CA 94063**

<b><u>Directors Present</u></b> Director Faro Director Griffin Director Hickey Director Kane Director Shefren	<b><u>Directors Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Also Present</u></b> Mr. Michelson, CEO Mr. Hudak, Legal Counsel Ms. Johnson, Recorder
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**1. Call to Order**

By: President Faro  
Time: 4:30pm

**2. Public Comment/Non-Agenda Items**

President Faro asked if there was any public comment on non-agenda items. Bart Charlow introduced Robert Rideau, the new dental director at the Samaritan House Free Clinic.

President Faro announced that public comment will be taken on each agenda item.

**3.A. Request From Samaritan House For Three Years Of Funding 2015-16 \$663,000;  
2016-17 \$683,000 And 2017-18 \$703,000 Plus One-Time Funding For Building  
Alterations Of \$53,000 And Mental Health Planning Of \$35,000**

Director Shefren, who volunteers at Samaritan House, recused himself and left the room.

Director Kane apologized for her absence at the last meeting and said that she had listened to the audio of the meeting and reviewed the presentation.

Mr. Charlow reported that he has verified the percentage of District residents served by the Redwood City Free Clinic as 91.3% not 92% as indicated in information provided to the Board last month.

**Motion:** To approve a one-time grant request for building alterations of \$53,000; a one-year grant for mental health capacity building of \$35,000 and an operations grant for three years of \$2,048,327.

**By:** President Faro

**Seconded by:** Director Kane

**Vote:** 3-1-1 Director Hickey opposed

**Motion Passed**

Director Hickey stated that Samaritan House numbers need to be audited.

Director Shefren returned to the room.

President Faro announced a change in the order of the agenda and moved to Item 4.D.

**4.d. Consider Censoring Or Similar Action Pertaining To Board Member Hickey's  
Conduct At April 1, 2015 Board Meeting**

**Director Shefren offered the following motion:** The Sequoia Healthcare District Board advises Director Hickey that his interference with the voting process on April 1, 2015 violated the clear intent and spirit of the District's mission. His conduct was insulting to the potential grantee and to all of the underserved members of our community. His decision to leave the meeting room to prevent a quorum after the presentation by the

proposed grantee wasted the time of the presenter, staff and members of the public. While the Board recognizes Director Hickey's right to oppose grants, even though they are consistent with the mission of the public agency he was elected to serve, the proper course is to vote against the motions, not leave the room in a cowardly procedural antic. His actions reflect poorly on the District, the other Board members and staff. He is admonished not to repeat this behavior.

**Seconded by:** Director Kane

**Vote:** 4-0-1 with Director Hickey abstaining.

**Motion Passed**

Director Hickey defended his action stating that the policy allowing two board members out of three to approve the grant left him no other option than to leave the room and he will do the same thing in the future until the policy is changed.

#### **4.a Grant Request For Sequoia 70 From Peninsula Family Services For \$82,400**

Mr. Arne Croce introduced the Sequoia 70 project team. Additional information was provided to the Board regarding personnel, operating, administrative and subcontracting costs.

**Motion:** To approve a grant of \$82,400 for Sequoia 70's design and development process.

**By:** Director Shefren

**Seconded by:** Director Griffin

**Vote:** 4-1 with Director Hickey opposed.

**Motion Passed**

#### **4.b. Grant Request From San Mateo Medical Center For Three Years Of Funding: Year One \$470,000; Years Two And Three \$932,000**

Mr. Michelson reported that after last month's meeting, Dr. Ehrlich reviewed costs of the programs to make sure that if funds came from any other sources that District funds would not be requested for either of these programs.

**Motion:** To approve a three-year grant of \$143,000 per year for expansion of the Ron Robinson Senior Care Center to the Fair Oaks Health Center.

**By:** Director Shefren

**Seconded by:** President Faro

**Vote:** 4-1 with Director Hickey opposed.

**Motion Passed**

Director Shefren expressed concern that the county may not step up with funds for the Transition Program and offered the following -

**Motion:** To approve a grant for the Community Care Transitions Program as follows: 100% of Year One Up To \$326,000; 50% of Year Two Up To \$394,500; 25% of Year Three Up To \$197,250.

**By:** Director Shefren

**Seconded by:** Director Kane

**Vote:** 4-1 with Director Hickey opposed.

**Motion Passed**

#### **4.c. Healthy Schools Initiative End Of School Year Report**

Ms. Kurtzman reviewed school district activities and the importance of the school Wellness Coordinators. There are now nine coordinators within the eight school district partners reaching nearly 32,000 students and 800 school staff. She highlighted accomplishments for the school year - 5 additional Wellness Coordinators, a newsletter pilot in San Carlos and web and social media improvements.

Mrs. Gabet provided an overview of the school-based grants and the PE+ program. She emphasized the importance of the program's nonprofit partners and the success of leveraging relationships thereby increasing the overall number of students served.

**4.e. Director Requests for Future Agenda Items**

President Faro asked if any Director had an agenda item request. There were none.

**5. Adjourn**

**Motion:** At 6:30 adjourn meeting.

**By:** President Faro

**Seconded by:** Director Griffin

**Vote:** 5-0

**Motion Passed**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Sequoia Healthcare District is scheduled for 4:30 PM, Wednesday, June 3, 2015, District Conference Room, 525 Veterans Blvd., Redwood City, CA.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Griffin  
Secretary