



Golden Gate Regional Center

Serving people with developmental disabilities since 1966

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BOARD of DIRECTORS
RECORD of MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008
6:30 PM

Golden Gate Regional Center
875 Stevenson Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

PRESIDING: Alice Elliott

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Laura Bliss
Cliff Burwick
Robert DeFea
Jim Engvall
Allan Farrar
Steve Sazegari
John Weber

NOT PRESENT: Toomi Chatikavanij
Alexandra Joulibert
Nancy Dow Moody

STAFF: Barry Benda
Judy Leonard
Felice Parisi
Jim Shorter

GUESTS: Yukari Baba
Alison
Della Gremillion
Mele Sekona
Walter Slater

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Welcoming remarks and self-introductions followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Hearing no objections, the agenda was accepted as presented. Likewise for the Record of Meeting of January 15, 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Slater: Inquired about a client that he received word had disappeared from his home in Redwood City. Mr. Slater agreed to forward the email so that staff may follow-up. (Mr. Slater called the next day to say that he was mistaken. The client had disappeared in Riverside.)

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Client Services Committee – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss advised that GGRC and Area Board 5 are sponsoring two sessions of disaster-preparedness training. The first on March 25th is designed for individuals. The second on March 27th is designed for agencies. Flyers are available.

At our Board meeting next month, Eric Zigman, Director of the Quality Management System for the closure of Agnews will be our guest presenter.

Ms. Bliss directed attention to the draft POS Guidelines for Developing IPPs. Periodically staff review these procedures and make revisions that must be approved by DDS. Minor revisions are: 1) "Consumer" has been changed to "individual" and "placement" has been changed to "residential options." 2) The age that Medi-Cal will pay for diapers has been updated to three years of age. 3) Lastly, Section VI. was rewritten so that it is more concise. No policy changes were made to Section VI. After brief discussion, it was agreed to update "placement" in paragraph I. 3. a) for consistency.

M/C On behalf of the Client Services Committee, Ms. Bliss motioned for approval of the revised guidelines.

Strategic Plan and Matrix: Ms. Bliss noted that this plan is consistent with the policies adopted by the Board last July. There are three focus areas in the plan: 1) Individual and Family Services, 2) Public Policy Outcomes for People, 3) Stewardship. Focus areas 1 and 2 fall under the purview of the Client Services Committee. Focus area 3, the Finance Committee. Discussion followed.

M/C On behalf of the Client Services Committee, Ms. Bliss motioned for approval of focus areas 1 and 2, "Individual and Family Services" and "Public Policy Outcomes for People."

Lastly, DDS approved our 2008 Performance Contract.

Finance Committee – Cliff Burwick

Mr. Burwick reported that after six months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are below budget by 3.5% but are expected to reach the total budget amount by the time the fiscal year is officially closed. For the same period of time, total POS expenditures are below budget by 4.2% but are currently projected to exceed the total budget amount by approximately \$1.5 million by the end of the fiscal year.

Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2007: Mr. Burwick reported that GGRC had an unqualified audit for 2007. The Finance Committee voted to accept the audit report. (Mr. Sazegari gave a contingent approval.)

M/C Mr. Burwick proposed that the report be accepted based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee will review the third section of the Strategic Plan for action next month.

Personnel and Bylaws Committee – John Weber

Mr. Weber reported that he is moving forward on his list of candidates. His committee set a goal of five new members to begin membership July 1st. Board training and the board policies in a visual format are other areas of work.

Mr. Weber introduced Yukari Baba, a recruit for membership.

Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) – Jim Engvall

Mr. Engvall reported that his committee discussed public transportation in San Francisco and watched a film on disaster preparedness. The CAC wants to do some outreach in the community. The next Self-Advocacy Conference is planned for September 26th at Ft. Mason.

Service Provider Advisory Committee (SPAC) – Nancy Dow Moody

In Ms. Moody's absence, Mr. Shorter reported that her committee is sponsoring a Legislative Forum at The Arc of San Francisco on February 28, preceded by a provider faire.

ARCA Report – Alice Elliott

Ms. Elliott reported that the 2008 budget for the Department of Developmental Services is larger than last year's.

ARCA's annual Grass Roots Day is March 5th at the State Capitol. ARCA staff have been active scheduling appointments with the 120 legislators in Sacramento.

Ms. Elliott directed attention to ARCA's Goals and Objectives. Ms. Bliss reported that the Client Services Committee gave them a positive review. Ms. Elliott proposed that the Board accept the Goals and Objectives proposed by ARCA.

M/S/C To accept the ARCA Goals and Objectives for FY 2007-08. (Elliott/Bliss)

Executive Committee / Chairperson's Report – Alice Elliott

Self-Directed Services: From discussion at the ARCA meeting, board delegates were asked to request their boards to draft letters indicating their stand. While the consensus among regional centers is that the concept of self-directed services and consumer choice is a highly commendable endeavor, of primary concern among regional centers is the inability to perform the functions required within the resources anticipated to be available. Based on the experiences at pilot regional centers, the SDS program will require a higher degree of involvement by the regional center service coordinator.

M/S/C To finalize the draft letter as presented in the packet with reference to the response to ARCA's letter from DDS. (J. Weber/R. DeFea.) (Mr. Sazegari abstained.)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Shorter talked about the budget. Although this year's budget for developmental services is larger than the 2007 budget, there is still cause for concern. Proposed in the budget: 1) Continue and expand the Family Cost Participation Program (estimated savings \$773,000). (There is no provision for additional OPS funds to support the increased workload associated with the expansion of this program.) 2) Continue past cost-containment measures (rate freezes for residential services, community-based day programs, habilitation service programs, in-home respite service providers, supported living services, behavioral intervention training, community integration training, and more) with an attempt to make the temporary measures permanent. 3) Rate freeze on negotiated for rate for providers. 4) 10% rate reduction for Medi-Cal providers. 5) Eliminate dental care for adults, optometrists and optician services, speech therapy and audiology from the Medi-Cal program. 6) Reduce IHSS hours for domestic and related services. 7) Continue the extension of time to complete intake of new consumers from 60 days to 120 days. 8) Increase caseload ratios to 1:66.


ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Elliott announced that the membership would go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to address a personnel issue.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 pm at Golden Gate Regional Center, 3130 La Selva Street, San Mateo.

Respectfully submitted,


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for: Alexandra Joulibert, Secretary
Board of Directors

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