



# Golden Gate Regional Center

Serving people with developmental disabilities since 1966

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED – APRIL 21, 2009

BOARD of DIRECTORS  
RECORD of MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009  
7:00 PM

Golden Gate Regional Center  
3130 La Selva Street  
San Mateo, CA 94403

PRESIDING:	Laura Bliss	
DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Daisy Ambia Yukari Baba Hal Belmont Kauai DeMarzo Alice Elliott Jim Engvall	Allan Farrar Sarah Hoffman Alexandra Joulibert Nancy Dow Moody Steve Sazegari John Weber
STAFF:	Arieth Barredo Jean Berchtold Kevin Braud Vicki Lau	Felice Parisi, M.D. Lisa Rosene Jim Shorter Alan Wilens
GUESTS:	Nemia Atendito Dave Balestrieri Mary Balestrieri Barry Benda Clebia de Senna Tina Desuacido Debbie Ellis Della Gremillion	Jerry Gutierrez Varsha Likhite Amy Narcisco Matthew Omelagah Bill Pickel Mele Sekona Rocio Smith Espie Sorongon

## CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bliss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Welcoming remarks and self-introductions followed.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Hearing no objections, the agenda and the amended Record of Meeting of February 17, 2009, were approved. (Motion changed to reflect \$2000.)

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Shorter reported that the 3% reduction in our Ops budget for the current fiscal year will carry over to our Ops budget for 2009-2010 along with a permanent 3% reduction in our POS budget. DDS is working on budget reduction proposals to submit to the Legislature.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee/Chairperson's Report – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss directed attention to her letter to DDS, containing possible cost-containment ideas, and opened the floor for discussion. GGRC will be submitting one or more 637 proposals to the DDS.

Mr. Shorter explained that the 637 is a provision in the law that allows regional centers to ask for exemption from other parts of the law.

Client Services Committee – Yukari Baba

Ms. Baba reported that implementation of the transportation policy will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Finance Committee – Kauai DeMarzo

After six months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are over budget by 3%. Based upon the reduction in DDS funding and current expenditure forecasts, budget projections indicate an operating deficit of approximately \$200,000. As no further DDS Operations allocations are anticipated for the current fiscal year, all cost centers are under review and corrective action plan alternatives are being developed to ensure that GGRC spending remains within mandated requirements.

After six months of operation, GGRC year-to-date total POS expenditures are over budget by .6%. However, based upon the recent DDS allocation, current expenditure projections indicate that POS services may be under funded by as much as \$12,500,000. As a result, GGRC is in jeopardy of ending the fiscal year with a POS deficit. The magnitude of the deficit is still uncertain as the recent cuts were just announced.

Personnel and Bylaws Committee – John Weber

Mr. Weber reported that his committee currently has five potential members for interview.

Mr. Weber advised that in compliance with the bylaws, it is time for the membership to submit nominations for officers for the coming fiscal year. He presented a nominations ballot to the membership, requesting that it be completed this evening and returned to him or that nominations be return to him by email no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. All nominees will be contacted regarding their willingness to hold office.

M/S/C Mr. Weber motioned to open the floor for nominations. (Weber/Elliott)

M/S/C Mr. Weber motion that the nominations be closed on March 31<sup>st</sup>. (Weber/Elliott)

Mr. Weber collected some ballots. Other members will email their nominations to him.

Consumer Advisory Committee – James Engvall

Mr. Engvall reported that the CAC is planning a presentation to the people at Toolworks on the topic of self-advocacy. The CAC members want to help others with disabilities understand their rights and are particularly interested in helping people become employed.

Service Provider Advisory Committee – Nancy Dow Moody

Ms. Moody reported that this committee did not meet at their regular time but had a special meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> with around 100 providers in attendance. Cost-saving ideas were discussed including relief from unnecessary regulations, consolidation of monitoring functions, parents participating in paying for certain services; revision to the eligibility requirements. She also noted that there was standing room only at the community meeting in Oakland on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

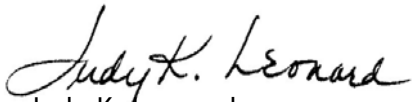
ARCA REPORT – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss noted that the next ARCA meeting will be held in Ontario on March 20<sup>th</sup>.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 pm in Marin County. Location to follow.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy K. Leonard  
Executive Assistant



for: Alexandra Joulibert, Secretary  
Board of Directors

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