



Golden Gate Regional Center

Serving people with developmental disabilities since 1966

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED - MAY 20, 2008

BOARD of DIRECTORS
RECORD of MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2008
6:30 PM

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

PRESIDING: Alice Elliott

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Laura Bliss
Toomi Chatikavanij
Robert DeFea
Jim Engvall
Allan Farrar
Alexandra Joulibert
Nancy Dow Moody
John Weber

NOT PRESENT: Cliff Burwick
Steve Sazegari

STAFF: Barry Benda
Tom Gannon
Judy Leonard
Felice Parisi
Gabriel Rogin
Lisa Rosene
Jim Shorter

GUESTS: Yukari Baba
Margery Farrar
Della Gremillion
Gabrielle Karampelas
Jay Katz
Leon Mason
Constance McKinnon
Dennis Nunan
Maria Pena
Mele Sekona
Hasian Sinaga
Rocio Smith
Vittorina Tanjuaki
Evan Wong
Sheryl Young

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 March 18, 2008.

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PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Weber asked the membership to pass him their officer nominations as soon as possible.

On behalf of staff of the late Congressman Tom Lantos, Ms. Farrar expressed appreciation for the condolences. Former Assemblywoman Jackie Speier has been elected to serve the remainder of his term in Congress.

Ms. Farrar expressed concern over a recent mishap with R&D Transportation and her brother's transportation to a doctor's appointment. Discussion followed.

Mr. Mason remarked that comedian Jon Stewart recently hosted a telethon with many well-known guests to benefit special education for children and adults with autism.

Mr. Shorter introduced David Amaral, Ph.D., a research director at the M.I.N.D. Institute at UC Davis. Dr. Amaral is leading a team of scientists and clinicians who believe that autism is not a single disorder but a group of disorders, each having a different cause. The Autism Phenome Project is designed to gather enough biomedical and behavioral information to more clearly define the different types of autism. By defining distinct types of autism, it will be faster and easier for scientists to study the causes of each type, which will lead to better treatment and, in some cases, could result in prevention. Dr. Amaral introduced Lou Ann Barnett, Ph.D., project coordinator for the Autism Phenome Project. Discussion followed their presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Client Services Committee – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss announced that at the next Board meeting the documentary "We're Here to Speak for Justice: Founding California's Regional Centers" will be shown. The film takes a look at how the regional center system came about and the intent of the founding parents. Recent applicants for membership are encouraged to attend.

Finance Committee – Cliff Burwick

In Mr. Burwick's absence, Mr. DeFea reported that after eight months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are below budget by 3.47% 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 5.57% but are currently projected to exceed the total budget amount by approximately \$1.25 million by the end of the fiscal year.

GGRC may receive between \$800,000 to \$1,200,000 in additional POS - Regular (Unrestricted) funding with the next Contract Budget Allocation (D-3). Also included in the D-3 allocation will be additional funding for CPP – Regular and CPP – Agnews program expenditures, respectively.

M/C Based on review by the Finance Committee, Mr. DeFea recommended acceptance of the third section of the Strategic Plan (Stewardship).

Lastly, Mr. DeFea noted that Mr. Shorter is in receipt of a proposed settlement agreement in the Capitol People First case.

Personnel and Bylaws Committee – John Weber

Mr. Weber addressed nomination of officers and requested clarification on a member being nominated for more than one office. This was a moot issue as Section 4.01 of the bylaws reads, "All officers shall be members of the Board of Directors and no officer may hold more than one office concurrently." Mr. Weber distributed a list of nominations to the membership.

M/S/C To close the floor for nominations. (DeFea/Engvall)

Interviews are in process for five individuals who have submitted applications.

Mr. Weber shared the "interest card" with the membership. It was suggested that cards be held at the reception desk in each of our three offices and made available to community members coming into the office. An additional means of distribution is for social workers to pass them on to clients, family members, etc.

Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) – Jim Engvall

Mr. Engvall reported that Maria Marquez from PAI showed a video and spoke about abuse prevention and reporting. May 15th is Disability Capitol Action Day in Sacramento. The theme this year is health care. The day's events will include a resource fair, a march around the Capitol, a rally, and legislative visits.

Service Provider Advisory Committee (SPAC) – Nancy Dow Moody

Ms. Moody reported that budget cuts was a topic of discussion and what that means to regional center clients. Five regional centers have been participating in a pilot program for self-directed services.

ARCA Report – Alice Elliott

Ms. Elliott advised that the next meeting is this Friday in Manhattan Beach.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

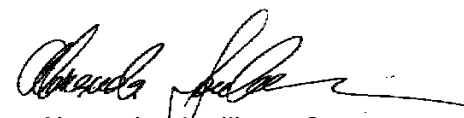
There are several policy issues in proposed legislation, some quite progressive. The closure of Agnews Developmental Center continues to be challenging.

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, May 20, 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