



# Golden Gate Regional Center

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**APPROVED AS AMENDED – MARCH 17, 2009**

BOARD of DIRECTORS  
RECORD of MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009  
6:30 PM

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

PRESIDING:	Laura Bliss	
DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Daisy Ambia Yukari Baba Hal Belmont Allan Farrar	Sarah Hoffman Nancy Dow Moody John Weber
BY PHONE:	Kauai DeMarzo James Engvall	Steve Sazegari
NOT PRESENT:	Alice Elliott	Alexandra Joulibert
STAFF:	Haley Bogosian Judy Leonard Felice Parisi, M.D.	Lisa Rosene Jim Shorter Annaliese Taylor
GUESTS:	Margery Farrar Paul Gayler Della Gremillion Varsha Likhite Allison Molina	Laura Moreno Maria Pena Walt Slater Rocio Smith

## CALL TO ORDER

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

Hearing no objections, the agenda and the Record of Meeting of January 20, 2009, were approved.

## PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Farrar reported once again that her brother's transportation was late. Mr. Gayler, Ms. Moreno and Ms. Rosene will meet with Ms. Farrar following the meeting.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Shorter reported on the current budget situation. The Department is scheduling stakeholder meetings in northern and southern California to receive input from consumers, family members, service providers and other stakeholders on possible cost containment strategies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee/Chairperson's Report – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss reported that she and Mr. Shorter will be attending the stakeholders meeting in Sacramento on Thursday.

Ms. Bliss noted that the roles and responsibilities for the Board and staff will be handed out and collected at future meetings. The guideline, approved by the Executive Committee, will be used in assigning responsibility, when necessary, on issues that arise at Board meetings.

Ms. Bliss noted that on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, GGRC moved our last client at Agnews into the community. To celebrate, there will be a 4 pm tour of an SB 962 home prior to the March 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The Board meeting will begin at 5:30 pm with presentations from several individuals involved in the closure of Agnews.

Client Services Committee – Yukari Baba

On behalf of her committee, Ms. Baba directed attention to the proposed policy on transportation. After much discussion, the policy was approved. (Mr. Weber registered a no vote.) Guidelines for implementation will be discussed in committee.

Finance Committee – Kauai DeMarzo

After five months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are over budget by 2.33%. Based upon the assumption that forthcoming legislative action(s) will, in fact, reduce regional center funding, GGRC has implemented a furlough policy whereby all staff will forfeit the equivalent of one day's pay per month for the five months remaining in this fiscal year.

After five months of operation, GGRC year-to-date total POS expenditures are over budget by 2.33% but it is too early in the fiscal year/DDS allocation cycle to determine if this trend will continue and result in a year-end deficit.

Personnel and Bylaws Committee – John Weber

Mr. Weber reported that his committee is reviewing the bylaws and that his committee has developed an outline for the board training. He requested that \$2000 from the Board account be set aside to develop the training booklet. Discussion followed.

**M/S/C To set aside \$2000 until the April meeting pending an itemization of expenses to develop the training booklet. (Weber/Sazegari) (two abstentions)**

Mr. Weber noted that the purpose in the board interest cards was to develop a pool of individuals for potential membership. Ms. Rosene will ensure that the cards are available in each of our offices and are a part of the orientation packet. Mr. Shorted noted that over 6000 were mailed out this past week.

Consumer Advisory Committee – James Engvall

Mr. Engvall shared information on “Making a Decision – Planning and Decision Making” developed by the DDS CAC, to help all people live by their motto: My Life, My Way!

Service Provider Advisory Committee – Nancy Dow Moody

This committee met on February 10. The budget was a major topic of discussion, including possible cost-saving measures.

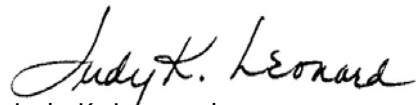
ARCA REPORT – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss reported on the success of ARCA's third annual new day conference in San Francisco that focused on employment and housing. ARCA is sponsoring Grass Roots Day on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, in Sacramento. Those who cannot attend in Sacramento are encouraged to meet with legislators in their community every Friday of the month in March. ARCA is supporting Maria Schriver's employment initiative for employing developmentally disabled citizens.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 pm in our San Mateo office at 3130 LaSelva Street.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Assistant

  
for: Alexandra Joulibert, Secretary  
Board of Directors

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