



# Golden Gate Regional Center

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## APPROVED AS SUBMITTED – SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

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

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

PRESIDING: Laura Bliss

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Daisy Ambia  
Yukari Baba  
Hal Belmont  
Toomi Chatikavanij  
Kauai DeMarzo  
Alice Elliott  
Jim Engvall

Allan Farrar  
Sarah Hoffman  
Alexandra Joulibert  
Nancy Dow Moody  
Steve Sazegari  
John Weber

STAFF: Jan Brelsford  
Felice Parisi

Lisa Rosene  
Jim Shorter

GUESTS: Margery Farrar  
Evelyn Mason  
Leon Mason  
Allison Molina  
Dennis Nunan

Maria Pena  
Mele Sekona  
Rocio Smith  
Sheryl Young

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda was changed to reflect a report from the chair of the Personnel and Bylaws Committee. The Record of Meeting of June 17, 2008, will be amended to reflect announcement of officers for this fiscal year.

**M/S/C** To accept the amended agenda and the Record of Meeting. (Weber/Sazegari)

### PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Mason thanked the Board for meeting more frequently in San Mateo County.

Ms. Farrar reported that transportation services are improving for her brother. Mr. Weber noted his conversation with some members of the Board of Transportation; reporting of lateness for buses is not consistent. R&D Transportation has been invited to present at the September Board meeting.

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Ms. Mason expressed concern that the budget has not been signed. Mr. Shorter reported that he is hopeful there will be a budget by September. Revenues will determine the severity of cuts to our system.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Client Services Committee – Laura Bliss

Ms. Rosene continued her presentation on pervasive developmental disorders and stressed the importance of using clinically-correct language to avoid confusion about funding sources, treatment modalities and treating agencies, to clarify disorder identification, and to avoid misleading families and wasting their time. Autistic disorder falls under regional center responsibility. Rett's disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder, Asperger's disorder, and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified (including atypical autism) fall under the mental health system.

Ms. Rosene proposed the following board resolution: GGRC will adopt the usage of pervasive developmental disorders language in all publications, speeches, and in the transaction of regular business. Board members and staff will take every opportunity to educate the public and GGRC's constituency on the significance of proper terminology when referring to autistic disorder. Discussion followed. **Mr. Weber called for a roll-call vote (nine ayes; three nays; one abstention).**

##### Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) – Jim Engvall

Mr. Engvall reported that his committee met on July 7<sup>th</sup> and continued to identify priorities for people with disabilities and to discuss housing.

##### Executive Committee/Chairperson's Report – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss reported that she is in process of forming committees and naming chairs based on her communications with members.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding ad hoc committee formation: A motion was made by Mr. Weber that ad hoc committees be developed within the standing committees (by the committee chairs and their committee members). The motion was seconded. Mr. Sazegari asked that the motion be amended to exclude those areas that do not fall within the scope of any committee, such as the task force to establish a foundation and the ad hoc committee on state policy. Mr. Weber did not accept Mr. Sazegari's suggested amendment. Mr. Weber called for the vote.

**M/S/C** That ad hoc committees be developed within the standing committees (by the committee chairs and their committee members). (Weber/Chatikavanij) (11 ayes, one nay, one abstention)

Mr. Sazegari asked to go on record in opposition to the motion stating that the motion prevents any flexibility to create a new task force which is not related to any standing committee; this is in violation of the current board bylaws and will add more bureaucracy to accomplishing new projects in a timely manner.

##### Personnel and Bylaws Committee – John Weber

Mr. Weber reported on the work of his committee over the past year and their projects for the coming year: 1) Membership: Two vacant seats remain to be filled, one for a consumer. Mr. Weber requested recommendations be submitted to him. 2) Board training on bylaws, the Lanterman Act, and board development: Specific areas of interest may be submitted to

Mr. Weber. Mr. Weber advised that he plans to expand on the use of technology. 3) Board interest cards: Currently the cards are being translated into Chinese and Spanish. 4) Linking consumer pictures to the Board policies. 5) Review of the bylaws.

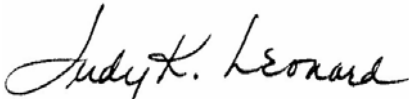
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Shorter's report included: the effect of the delay in signing the budget; the expansion of SANDIS will allow for increased ability to track performance and trends; the Governor signed AB 1834, which eliminates the sunset date on an existing provision that protects regional center employees from civil liability; AB 1825, the dispute resolution bill is moving ahead; in regard to SB 1175, the ARCA-sponsored bill that encourages the development of a permanent housing stock for people with developmental disabilities, the Administration has asked for changes in the legislation that will require a two thirds vote to pass.

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 pm in our San Francisco office at 875 Stevenson Street, Sixth Floor.

Respectfully submitted,



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for: Alexandra Joubert, Secretary  
Board of Directors

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