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APPROVED AS SUBMITTED – SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

BOARD of DIRECTORS
RECORD of MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009
6:00 PM

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

PRESIDING: Laura Bliss

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Daisy Ambia Phillip Hays
Yukari Baba Alexandra Joulibert
Hal Belmont Mark Klein
Kauai DeMarzo Caroline Loewy
Allan Farrar Nancy Dow Moody
Karla Ferrufino

NOT PRESENT: Jim Engvall

STAFF: Judy Leonard Lisa Rosene
Felice Parisi, M.D. Jim Shorter
Chris Rognier

GUESTS: Sharon Atkins Della Gremillion
Erma Brim Varsha Likhite
Bob DeFea Maria Pena
Margery Farrar Walt Slater

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bliss called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Welcoming remarks and self-introductions followed. (Philip Hays participated by conference phone. Jim Engvall was unable to connect.)

CONSENT AGENDA

Hearing no objections, the agenda and the Record of Meeting of June 16, 2009, were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Farrar noted that Mr. Farrar would no longer be using R&D Transportation to provide his transportation to meetings.

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Ms. Bliss noted that this “special” meeting of the Board was called to discuss and respond to certain issues and their affects as a result of the budget crisis and the economy.

FINANCE REPORT – Chris Rognier, Chief, Administration and Finance

After 12 months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are under budget by 7.9%. It is important to note that recent one-time funding awards are primarily responsible for the surplus and will be spent over the next two fiscal years. Therefore, all Operations funding will be expended by the closing of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 in June of 2011.

After 12 months of operation, GGRC year-to-date total POS expenditures are below budget by 2.2%. However, regional centers must accept late billings for provider services until the closing of the fiscal year in June of 2011. Current late billings projections indicate that FY 08-2009 will close with a possible surplus of \$221,000 (0.1%).

After 12 months of operation, GGRC year-to-date total Community Placement Plan Funding – Regular Plan expenditures are below budget by 62.7%. However, in addition to late billings, one of the primary plan elements, start-up funding, has already been encumbered contractually with service providers who will continue to be reimbursed for expenditures over the next two fiscal years. Current projections indicate that FY 08-09 will close in June of 2011 with an estimated surplus of \$1,100,000 (22.4%). The surplus consists of unused placement and deflection funding that could not be accessed due to difficulties encountered in individual client placements as well as delays in locating/financing/opening new community-based residences.

After 12 months of operation, GGRC year-to-date total Community Placement Plan Funding – Agnews Plan expenditures are below budget by 33.7%. Based upon estimated late billings, current projections indicate that FY 08-09 will close in June of 2011 with an estimated surplus of \$1,551,142 (30.7%). The surplus consists of unused placement funding that was not utilized due to delayed residential facility openings which resulted in lower annual client service costs accordingly.

Mr. Rognier reported that we have no details for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget.

Of note, of the 21 regional centers, GGRC has the highest proportion of individuals on the Medicaid Waiver at 52%. For every POS dollar spent for services for a MW-eligible person, the State of California is reimbursed by the Federal Government 50¢ on the dollar. A new program started this year, “Money Follows the Person.” For persons coming out of certain institutional settings, the Federal Government will reimburse the State 75¢ on the dollar for at least the first year. Today we enrolled our second person in this program. On June 29th, at 5:55 pm, funding was secured for the second and third Laguna Honda houses.

Line of Credit – Unlike other years, this year Union Bank will honor all IOUs from the State of California, so this year, unlike other years, we will avoid all interest costs.

Mr. Shorter noted that the Governor should sign the budget tomorrow or Friday. If all anticipated savings are not realized, it is expected that the cuts will carry over to next fiscal year.

CLIENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – Yukari Baba

Ms. Baba directed attention to proposed revisions to the Purchase of Service Guidelines. On behalf of her committee, Ms. Baba recommended approval of the revisions to the POS Guidelines as submitted. Discussion followed. Ms. Rosene noted that as a practice, the guidelines are reviewed annually by the Client Services Committee and as appropriate, revisions are submitted for Board approval. Initial revisions were made to update language in the guidelines. As we became aware of proposed budget cuts, a more intense review ensued. Proposed revisions printed in red reflect exact trailer bill language as approved by the Legislature.

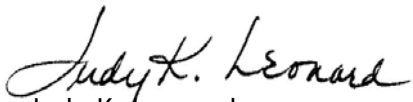
Should the Board approve the revisions, the document will be forwarded to DDS for legal review. Should DDS approve the revisions, GGRC will move ahead with implementation.

M/C To approve the revisions to the POS Guidelines as submitted. (one nay vote)
DDS Director Delgadillo has committed to expedite the approval process.


ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Monday, August 03, 6:00 pm in our San Mateo office at 3130 La Selva Street.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy K. Leonard
Executive Assistant



for: Alexandra Joulibert, Secretary
Board of Directors

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