



Golden Gate Regional Center

Serving people with developmental disabilities since 1966

AS AMENDED 07/15/08

BOARD of DIRECTORS
RECORD of MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008
6:30 PM

Golden Gate Regional Center
Building F, 5725 Paradise Drive
Corte Madera, CA 94925

PRESIDING: Alice Elliott

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Laura Bliss
Cliff Burwick
Toomi Chatikavanij
Robert DeFea
Allan Farrar
Alexandra Joulibert
Nancy Dow Moody
Steve Sazegari
John Weber

NOT PRESENT: Jim Engvall

STAFF: Barry Benda
Laurel Burkhalter
Dominique Gallagher
Judy Leonard
Felice Parisi
Linda Petek
Rachel Rodriguez
Lisa Rosene
Jim Shorter

GUESTS: Daisy Ambia
Yukari Baba
Ruth Beckner
Hal Belmont
Scott Burkhalter
Margery Farrar
Della Gremillion
Sarah Hoffman
Katy Lusson
John Rumsey
Walt Slater
Rocio Smith

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 May 20, 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Farrar once again expressed concern regarding transportation services provided to her brother. Discussion. R&D Transportation will be invited to present at the September Board meeting.

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Mr. Slater addressed an article in the June 1st issue of The New York Times. Research has shown that people with Down syndrome have a much higher incidence of Alzheimer's disease at an early age. Advances in health care have extended the average life expectancy of people with Down syndrome to more than 50 years today from 25 in 1983. Community groups are now struggling to provide services for the expanding population of those with Down syndrome and Alzheimer's.

Ms. Beckner shared her concern regarding the Social Security Administration's "Family Plan" spousal benefit, a law passed in the 1930s. As related by Ms. Beckner, since age 65 her spousal benefit has been shared with her disabled son.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Client Services Committee – Laura Bliss

Ms. Rosene gave an educational presentation on the Pervasive Developmental Disorders Spectrum which includes autistic disorder, Rett's disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder, Asperger's disorder, and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified (including atypical autism).

Ms. Gallagher explained the intake and assessment process for all new clients.

Ms. Burkhalter and Ms. Rodriguez reported on their pilot program, the Autism Support Project, which focuses on supporting regional center clients who have autism. Future goals: 1) to increase the inclusion of individuals with autism into our community and 2) to increase the use of generic resources to support individuals with autism.

Ms. Rosene proposed the following board resolution: GGRC will adopt the usage of PDD spectrum 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 will continue at the July meeting.

Finance Committee – Cliff Burwick

Mr. Burwick reported that after 10 months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are below budget by 4.43% 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 6.8% but are currently projected to exceed the total authorized budget amount by approximately \$900,000 by the end of the fiscal year.

Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) – Jim Engvall

In Mr. Engvall's absence, Ms. Hoffman reported that Mr. Benda spoke to the CAC about housing options.

Service Provider Advisory Committee (SPAC) – Nancy Dow Moody

Ms. Moody reported that discussion focused on the Governor's budget proposals; specifically negotiated rates for supported living services at median rates. The issues that will impact our clients directly are extending the cost-containment measures, the 10% reduction in Medi-Cal, IHSS (18% reduction in nonmedical domestic hours), and the proposed suspension of the State cost-of-living increases for SSI and SSP.

ARCA Report - Alice Elliott

The next ARCA meeting is scheduled for July 17th and 18th, in Sacramento.

Mr. Benda noted that ARCA recently sponsored a phone conference moderated by Lisa Jackson, the newly-hired housing specialist for ARCA. Rick Rollens provided an update to say that SB 1175 is successfully moving towards passage. The discussion then moved to how to build a reserve of dollars statewide to fund housing development. Discussion to continue.

Executive Committee/Chairperson's Report – Alice Elliott

Ms. Elliott expressed appreciation to outgoing members Bob DeFea and Cliff Burwick for their hard work and contributions over the length of their memberships. She expressed appreciation to the committees and chairs for their accomplishments under her chairpersonship this past year. Ms. Elliott welcomed the new members and asked that they submit their committee preferences for FY 08-09.

Personnel and Bylaws Committee – John Weber

Mr. Weber distributed the ballots for the election of new members, for Ms. Joulibert to serve an additional term on the Board, and for Ms. Moody to serve an additional term on the Service Provider Advisory Committee and asked that completed ballots be passed to Secretary Joulibert to be tallied.

Mr. Weber distributed the ballots for the election of officers and asked that completed ballots be passed to Ms. Joulibert to be tallied.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Shorter reported that two ARCA-sponsored bills, AB 1834, which would eliminate the longstanding sunset date on an existing provision which provides protection from civil liability for regional center staff from acts performed in good faith that result in an injury or death, and AB 1825, which would establish procedures for dispute resolution between a regional center and any publicly-funded agency over provision of or payment for services that are contained in an IPP or IFSP, are moving ahead. A third ARCA-sponsored bill, SB 1175 which encourages the development of a permanent housing stock for people with developmental disabilities in the community, is also moving in a positive direction.

Ms. Joulibert announced that Ms. Ambia, Ms. Baba, Mr. Belmont, Ms. DeMarzo and Ms. Hoffman had been approved for membership, that she had been approved to serve another term, and that Ms. Moody had been approved to serve another term on the Service Provider Advisory Committee.

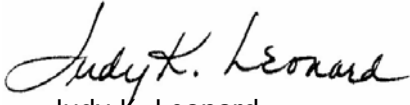
Ms. Joulibert announced the officers for FY 08/09:

Laura Bliss, Chairperson
John Weber, Vice Chairperson
Secretary, Alexandra Joulibert
Treasurer, Toomi Chatikavanij

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, July 15, 6:30 pm in our San Mateo office at 3130 La Selva Street, San Mateo.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy K. Leonard
Executive Assistant



for: Alexandra Joulibert, Secretary
Board of Directors

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