



# Golden Gate Regional Center

Serving people with developmental disabilities since 1966

**APPROVED AS SUBMITTED - JUNE 17, 2008**

BOARD of DIRECTORS  
RECORD of MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008  
6:30 PM

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

PRESIDING: Alice Elliott

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Laura Bliss Alexandra Joulibert  
Cliff Burwick Nancy Dow Moody  
Jim Engvall Steve Sazegari  
Allan Farrar John Weber

NOT PRESENT: Toomi Chatikavanij  
Robert DeFea

STAFF: Barry Benda Lisa Rosene  
Judy Leonard Jim Shorter  
Felice Parisi

GUESTS: Daisy Ambia Sarah Hoffman  
Yukari Baba Dennis Nunan  
Kauai DeMarzo Sima Sazegari  
Della Gremillion Mele Sekona

## 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 April 15, 2008.

## PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Client Services Committee – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss announced and the audience watched the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary video of the regional center system. The film takes a look at how the regional center came about and how far it has come.

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Ms. Bliss announced that at the June meeting, Lisa Rosene will be making a presentation on specific issues relating to autism.

#### Finance Committee – Cliff Burwick

Mr. Burwick reported that after nine months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are below budget by 3.5% 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 5.4% but are currently projected to exceed the total authorized budget amount by approximately \$1.68 million by the end of the fiscal year.

The next contract budget allocation (D-3) has been delayed by DDS and will not be released until sometime later this month. Due to the system-wide projected POS deficit, GGRC may receive less than the previously projected \$800,000 to \$1,200,000 in additional POS - Regular (Unrestricted) funding. Also included in the D-3 allocation will be additional funding for CPP – Regular and CPP – Agnews program expenditures, respectively.

Mr. Burwick directed attention to the HR Report included in this month's packet. Committee discussion focused on specifics to map the report to the Strategic Plan.

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

Mr. Engvall reported that the CAC would like to hear about employment, Social Security, transportation, accessibility, health care, quality of programs and housing. Mr. Benda has been invited to the next meeting to talk about housing.

Mr. Engvall also mentioned that he had been interviewed by a reporter from the Examiner regarding budget cuts.

Mr. Burwick noted that the budget process is very unique to this system. It is true that there are cuts and there is cause for concern, but the amount of money coming into DDS increased as it did last year as well. It's a matter of working the numbers. Ms. Bliss noted that the funds Mr. Engvall was speaking of are not regional center funds but funds from another system, but when those services are cut, the regional center is impacted.

Discussion followed.

#### Service Provider Advisory Committee (SPAC) – Nancy Dow Moody

Ms. Moody reported that discussion focused on the Governor's proposals. 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.

#### Personnel and Bylaws Committee – John Weber

Mr. Weber addressed the sample ballot for election of officers. Ms. Moody was presented for a second term on the Service Provider Advisory Committee, Ms. Joulibert for a second term on the Board, and Ms. Ambia, Ms. Baba, Mr. Belmont, Ms. DeMarzo and Ms. Hoffman for membership.

Mr. Weber noted that the "interest card" is being translated into Chinese and Spanish pro bono.

#### ARCA Report (Alice Elliott)

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Shorter directed attention to items in the Board packet:

Attachment C - The companion booklet to the documentary "*We're Here to Speak for Justice: Founding California's Regional Centers.*" (We have VHS and CD's of the "Justice" documentary, and CD's of "*How Far We've Come: The Journey Toward the Lanterman Vision,*" and "The Birth of Innovation" 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary film. All may be borrowed for viewing [see Judy Leonard].)

Attachment D – Controlling Regional Center Costs – pages 7 thru 34 provide background information on the purpose, structure, budget and expenditures of the developmental services system.

Attachment E – Sustaining the Entitlement for the Developmental Services System: A Regional Center Perspective – a perspective by the Board of the Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center.

He then directed attention to a handout in DRAFT that is directly responsive to Attachments D and E, "Position Statement on the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget."

Page 2, The Entitlement to Services – If funds are insufficient to buy services, the right to services (entitlement) is meaningless. The statutory right to entitlement cannot be divorced from other issues affecting the system.

Page 3, Provider Rates – Most providers' rates have been frozen since FY 2003-04.

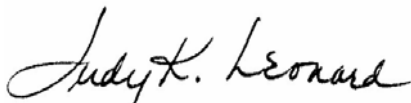
Page 3, Regional Center Ops Budget - Eighty-one percent of the regional centers' operations budget funds a unique set of direct services including service coordination, assessment/diagnosis, individual program planning, money/benefits management, clinical services, 24-hour emergency response, intake/assessment/referral, family support, quality assurance, advocacy, training, etc. Reductions in the OPS budget impacts the provision of these direct services to consumers and families.

Page 4, Program Rate Freezes – Regarding the "temporary" rate freezes enacted in FY 2002-03 and FY 2003-04, the enactment of legislation continues these freezes in perpetuity and freezes the remaining rates of certain vendors whose rates are set through negotiation.

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, June 17, 6:30 pm at Building F, 5725 Paradise Drive, Corte Madera.

Respectfully submitted,



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for: Alexandra Joulibert, Secretary  
Board of Directors