



Golden Gate Regional Center

Serving people with developmental disabilities since 1966

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED – JUNE 15, 2010

BOARD of DIRECTORS
RECORD of MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010
5:30 PM

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

PRESIDING:	Laura Bliss	
DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Daisy Ambia Yukari Baba Hal Belmont James Engvall Karla Ferrufino	Phil Hays Alexandra Joulibert Mark Klein Varsha Likhite Martha Thompson
NOT PRESENT:	Caroline Loewy	Nancy Dow Moody
STAFF:	Judith Frantonius Tessa Horst Rosaline Lee Judy Leonard Nidia Martinez	Felice Parisi, MD Lisa Rosene Jim Shorter Shawneece Stevenson
GUESTS:	Paul Gayler Robert Ramirez Anthony Reyes Kim Reyes	Walt Slater Peter Smith Rocio Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bliss called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Welcoming remarks and self-introductions followed. Mr. Engvall and Ms. Rosene participated by phone.

CONSENT AGENDA

Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Smith invited the audience to a recognition ceremony, "A Celebration of Self-Advocacy," sponsored by Area Board 5 on June 2nd, at the State Building in Oakland, 6 - 8 pm.

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STAFF PRESENTATION: Shawneece Stevenson, GGRC Supervising Social Worker for the Prevention Program, introduced her staff that were present and outlined GGRC's prevention program. (Notes from presentation available upon request.)

Executive Committee/Chairperson's Report – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss reported on the April 26th autism forum held in San Francisco at The Janet Pomeroy Center. Rick Rollens, Legislative Analyst for ARCA, spoke about legislation around autism and Dr. David Amaral from the M.I.N.D. Institute at Davis talked about cutting-edge research.

Ms. Bliss directed attention to the calendar of meetings for the new fiscal year and announced that Steven Hoffman will again facilitate the Board of Directors retreat scheduled for July 9 and 10, in our San Mateo office. The first meeting of the Board of Directors in the new fiscal year will be held in the San Francisco office on Tuesday, September 21st.

Board Operations Committee – Mark Klein

On behalf of his committee:

M/C Mr. Klein nominated Robert Ramirez for membership. Mr. Ramirez was unanimously approved for membership.

Mr. Klein presented nominations for officers for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

M/C Mr. Klein recommended approval of the revisions to the bylaws as presented last month. The revisions were approved unanimously.

Mr. Klein presented Laura Bliss for an additional term on the Board of Directors.

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Services Committee – Yukari Baba

Ms. Baba reported the following:

Employment Facilitation Services: GGRC will be contracting with an agency to assist those we serve and their families with benefits, job training and finding employment. Interviews are in process.

Infant Mental Health Awareness Conference: Using grant monies, GGRC facilitated a three-day conference on infant mental health awareness for about 300 participants. Remaining grant monies will be used for ongoing training for GGRC staff.

CPP Grants (Community Placement Plan): Using CPP grant monies, a three-bedroom supported living home will be developed, probably in San Mateo County.

Sonoma Project: Mr. Belmont reported that he and Mr. Shorter have been meeting with architects and others on developing the Sonoma DC campus into an integrated, inclusive community.

Laguna Honda Hospital: Ms. Baba polled the membership regarding their interest in touring LHH's new facility. Ms. Leonard will coordinate a tour. Ms. Smith requested she be included.

Finance Committee – Hal Belmont

After nine months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are under budget by 5.9% but are expected to reach the total budgeted amount by fiscal year-end.

After nine months of operation, GGRC year-to-date total POS expenditures are over budget by 2.9%. Once again, it is noted that GGRC has not received POS funding in the amount of \$6,311,512 related to CPP Continuation funding for Agnews clients placed into the community in FY 08/09.

Consumer Advisory Committee – Jim Engvall

GGRC staff Stefanie Nickel-Rather and Nancy Lin attended the May 3rd meeting. The discussion of GGRC's new Facebook page continued. The CAC members believe that Facebook can be a valuable way to recruit new members. Each CAC member plans to create a Facebook account before the next meeting and become a "fan" of GGRC.

Service Provider Advisory Committee – Mark Klein/L. Bliss for Nancy Dow Moody

In Ms. Moody's absence, Mr. Klein reported that about 100 people attended the May 7th Legislative Forum with Senator Leno that was held in San Francisco at The Janet Pomeroy Center. Comments from the audience indicated that Mr. Leno has addressed people's questions and concerns and they felt he was a real "advocate" for our system.

Ms. Bliss directed attention to a draft letter to Senator Leno regarding new ideas for consolidating the quality assurance programs that monitor the 21 regional centers and requesting a meeting with him to discuss possible legislation to improve the system and save the state money.

M/S/C To send letter to Senator Leno. (L. Bliss/M. Klein) (See Attachment 1.)

Legislative Ad Hoc Committee – Phil Hays

Mr. Hays noted that his committee had agreed to focus not only on quality assurance consolidation but also on the reclassification of camp to out-of-home respite. Many families value camp as out-of-home respite but regional centers may no longer purchase camp or social recreation activities under AB 9. Ms. Bliss introduced a draft letter to Senator Leno requesting his support of trailer bill language to allow regional centers to purchase camp services where it functions as out-of-home respite.

M/S/C To send letter to Senator Leno. (L. Bliss/P. Hays) (See Attachment 2.)

Ms. Bliss presented a third letter to Senator Leno requesting his support of the concept of developing the Sonoma Developmental Center campus into an inclusive community that supports the Lanterman Act values.

M/S/C To send letter to Senator Leno. (H. Belmont/A. Joulibert) (See Attachment 3.)

ARCA Report – Laura Bliss

No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Jim Shorter

Governor's Budget May Revision Highlights:

The Department, in conjunction with the Department of Health Care Services submitted a State Plan Amendment seeking Federal Financial Participation in the day treatment and transportations services provided to residents of Intermediate Care Facilities - Developmentally Disabled. Based on recent negotiations with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and updated expenditure data, the DDS will achieve additional federal reimbursements that will result in General Fund savings of \$53.3 million for fiscal years 2007-08 and 2010-11.

The May Revision proposes an additional 1.25% reduction in rates paid to service providers. (Rates have been frozen since 2002-03, then last year were reduced by 3%.)

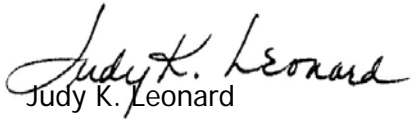
The May Revision proposes investing \$5.2 million for an improved alarm system at Sonoma Developmental Center.

Mr. Shorter briefly reviewed the Legislative Analyst's overview of the May Revision.

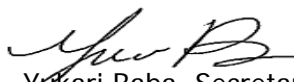
ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 5:30 pm at 3130 La Selva Street, San Mateo.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy K. Leonard
Executive Assistant


for: Yukari Baba, Secretary
Board of Directors

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Attachments

Leno Letter, re: Quality Assurance Consolidation

Leno Letter, re: Camp as Out-of-Home Respite

Leno Letter, re: Sonoma Developmental Center