



Golden Gate Regional Center

Serving people with developmental disabilities since 1966

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED – JANUARY 19, 2010

BOARD of DIRECTORS
RECORD of MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009
6:00 PM

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

PRESIDING:	Laura Bliss	
DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Daisy Ambia Yukari Baba Hal Belmont Jim Engvall Allan Farrar	Karla Ferrufino Phillip Hays Alexandra Joulibert Mark Klein Varsha Likhite
NOT PRESENT:	Kau DeMarzo Caroline Loewy	Nancy Dow Moody
STAFF:	Siu Kong Helen Lau Judy Leonard	Felice Parisi, MD Jim Shorter
GUESTS:	Sharon Atkins Erma Brim Juno Duenas Margery Farrar Paul Gayler Allison Hughes	Yuk Ling Kau Chin Hong Lou Mele Sekona Mitzie Slater Walt Slater

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bliss called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Welcoming remarks and self-introductions followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Hearing no objections, the agenda and the Record of Meeting of October 19, 2009, were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Shorter introduced Juno Duenas, Executive Director of Support for Families of Children with Disabilities. Ms. Duenas described the services Support for Families provides. List available upon request. More information available at www.supportforfamilies.org.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee/Chairperson's Report – Laura Bliss

On Friday, November 20th, the Assembly Select Committee on Workforce Development within the Developmental Disabilities Community will be holding a public hearing. The Director of Regional Center of the East Bay has been asked to represent the regional centers and ARCA.

Mr. Shorter has been nominated for membership to Senator Leno's San Francisco Autism Regional Task Force to support and assist the work of the Senate Select Committee on Autism and Related Disorders.

Client Services Committee

Ms. Baba directed attention to a new respite needs assessment tool developed by the ARCA Chief Counselors Group and approved by the ARCA Directors Group. This is a uniform tool that regional centers throughout the state will be using.

Ms. Rosene introduced Allison Hughes who is a travel trainer with R&D Transportation. Ms. Hughes explained the travel training program and curriculum used to travel train the people we serve.

Legislative Ad Hoc Committee - Phil Hays

Meeting with Senator Leno: October 30th meeting that was cancelled will be rescheduled.

AB 9, Trailer Bill Language: GGRC staff continue to implement.

Budget Advisory Group (the BAG or BAG Group - aka Stakeholders Group): Will be meeting in early December with focus on reinstating some of the suspended services.

Finance Committee – Hal Belmont

After three months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are under budget by 2.2% but are expected to reach the total budgeted amount by fiscal year-end.

After three months of operation, GGRC year-to-date total POS expenditures are over budget by 1.4%. A true assessment of GGRC's POS budget status (surplus/deficit) cannot be made until the DDS/Regional Center SOAR budgeting process is complete and DDS distributes remaining POS funding accordingly. Traditionally, this allocation would be announced in January but that schedule cannot be confirmed at this time.

Personnel and Bylaws Committee – Laura Bliss

No report.

Consumer Advisory Committee – Jim Engvall

Mr. Engvall reported that Jim Shorter attended the most recent CAC meeting. Discussion focused on the changes happening within the developmental disabilities system. The CAC will be inviting Lisa Rosene to discuss Individual Choice Budgeting Model, Don Cornejo to discuss the changes to Supported Living Services, someone from Disability Rights California to discuss possible changes to IHSS, Matt Omelagah from West Bay Housing Corporation and Gabriel Rogin to talk about the GGRC Resource Center.

Service Provider Advisory Committee – Nancy Dow Moody

In Ms. Moody's absence, Mr. Klein reported that again this month attendance was around 30. The SPAC is continuing focus on quality assurance. Currently there are 18 agencies that audit programs for those we serve. A committee was formed to address this issue (provider

representatives, Jim Shorter, Ellen Goldblatt, David Dodds and Eric Zigman). Mr. Benda will be drafting a position paper. Ms. Moody, Mr. Shorter and Ms. Bliss will be meeting with Senator Leno in hopes of crafting legislation to change the current practice.

ARCA Report – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss noted that the ARCA Executive Committee will be meeting on December 9th and the next ARCA Board meeting will be January 22nd.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Jim Shorter

Mr. Shorter reported Ms. Rosene had represented GGRC in a number of fair hearings appealing reductions in services due to implementation of AB 9. Without exception the hearing officers have ruled that we were justified in our decisions.

Mr. Shorter complimented Mr. Engvall and the CAC for the direction they have taken in identifying key areas that are crucial to the lives of those served by GGRC.

Mr. Shorter noted the increased attendance at SPAC meetings and the direction the committee is taking.

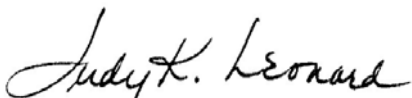
As a result of changes in AB 9, in early fall GGRC, Regional Center of the Easy Bay and San Andreas Regional Center applied jointly for a Federal Transit Administration transportation grant. Although we were not selected, Mr. Shorter met with the Transportation Commission and we are now pursuing an alternate proposal with focus solely on San Francisco.

GGRC is about to embark on a preliminary discovery process that will help us define and improve our information and communication systems and supports internally and for the community of people we serve.


ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 6:00 pm in our San Mateo office at 3130 La Selva Street.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy K. Leonard
Executive Assistant



for: Yukari Babá, Secretary
Board of Directors

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