



Golden Gate Regional Center

Serving people with developmental disabilities since 1966

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED – NOVEMBER 17, 2009

BOARD of DIRECTORS
RECORD of MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009
6:00 PM

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

PRESIDING:	Laura Bliss	
DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Daisy Ambia Yukari Baba Hal Belmont Jim Engvall Karla Ferrufino	Phillip Hays Varsha Likhite Caroline Loewy Nancy Dow Moody
NOT PRESENT:	Kauai DeMarzo Allan Farrar	Alexandra Joulibert Mark Klein
STAFF:	Mary Coleman, M.D. Tom Gannon Judy Leonard Felice Parisi, M.D.	Gabriel Rogin Lisa Rosene Jim Shorter
GUESTS:	Bob Baldo Barry Benda Andy Frisch Maria Pena	Mele Sekona Rocio Smith Sheryl Young

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bliss called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Welcoming remarks and self-introductions followed. (Karla Ferrufino participated by conference phone.)

CONSENT AGENDA

Hearing no objections, the agenda and the Record of Meeting of September 21, 2009, were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andy Frisch, Kainos Home and Training Center, San Mateo County: Kainos provides a wide variety of residential, vocational, business and support services to adults with developmental disabilities to assist him/her to maximize his/her potential and become an active member of the community. For a complete description of services provided, please visit www.kainosusa.org.

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Sheryl Young, Executive Director, Community Gatepath of Northern California, San Mateo County: For nearly 90 years, Community Gatepath has been “turning disabilities into possibilities” by helping children and adults achieve personal goals and live full and productive lives in school, the community, home and the workplace. Community Gatepath is the largest non-profit serving children and adults with disabilities in San Mateo County, providing a variety of options: early intervention, inclusive preschool, transition for young adults, life skills development, vocational services, day services and disability awareness. For more information, please visit www.gatepath.org.

Ms. Bliss introduced Bob Baldo, the Executive Director of the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) in Sacramento: ARCA represents the 21 regional centers in California. The function of the Association is to support the purpose, intent and mandate of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act. ARCA is an advocate, promoting action, legislation and public policy on matters affecting the well being of those we serve and the prevention of developmental disabilities. ARCA facilitates communication among its members, conducts research and analysis of issues related to California’s developmental disabilities system and provides public information about regional centers and developmental disabilities to the state and federal administrations, the state Legislature, Congress, state and national advocacy providers and various consumer groups. ARCA is governed by a board of directors, made up of 21 regional center board delegates and 21 regional center executive directors. Please visit www.arcenet.org for a message from the Executive Director, ARCA accomplishments, goals, and other information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee/Chairperson’s Report – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss reported that the community meetings held recently in Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo were well attended and positive.

The first Legislative Ad Hoc Committee meeting was held in early October (see report below).

Ms. Bliss directed attention to the Calendar of Meetings – Third Revision. The monthly Board meetings have been moved back to the third Tuesday of the month. Starting time is 6 pm. The monthly committee meetings have been moved back to the first Tuesday of the month.

Client Services Committee

On behalf of her committee, Ms. Baba directed attention to the draft Performance Contract Plan 2010. Discussion followed.

M/C To approve the draft Performance Contract Plan 2010 and forward to DDS for approval.

On behalf of her committee, Ms. Baba directed attention to the draft Proposed Oral Health Policy for POS Policy Guidelines. Discussion followed. It was agreed to replace “Routine” with “Daily” in the first paragraph, second sentence.

M/C To approve the Oral Health Policy for POS Policy Guidelines as agreed.

Legislative Ad Hoc Committee - Phil Hays

The committee discussed AB 287 which was approved and signed by the Governor today. This bill encourages the individual program planning team to discuss school-to-work opportunities for consumers commencing at 14 years of age as well as other related provisions.

AB 1589 changes language in the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act: 1) The Lanterman Act prohibits an employee or agent of a facility or program from subjecting a person with developmental disabilities to reprisal or harassment that would prevent the person, his or her legally authorized representative, or family member from reporting to the protection and advocacy agency designated by the Governor information pertaining to suspected abuse, neglect, or other violations of the person's rights. AB 1589 would extend that prohibition to any person. 2) This bill would require a regional center to disclose on its Internet Website specified information regarding related-party transactions, as defined, on a quarterly basis, keep a log of that information for a period of three years after termination of the regional center contract, and provide that information to the public upon request. 3) This bill would enact the Regional Center Whistleblower Protection Act which would provide protections to regional center employees who report improper regional center activities.

AB 1260, drafted by ASM Huffman: This bill would prohibit regional centers from purchasing more than 98% of the annualized volume of in-home and out-of-home respite services utilized by a consumer who received those services in the 2008-09 fiscal year. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB 9, Trailer Bill Language. The committee divided this bill into seven sections with each member studying a section to determine what services have been lost. The committee will meet again in late December to determine if there are services we would like to get back. Then we will partner with our local legislators in that endeavor.

Finance Committee – Hal Belmont

GGRC has received a block grant to fund the newly established Prevention Program for this fiscal year. \$857,000 will be allocated for Operations; \$30,000 for POS.

After two months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are under budget by 0.97% but are expected to reach the total budgeted amount by fiscal year-end.

After two months of operation, GGRC year-to-date total POS expenditures are over budget by 0.33%. It is too early in the fiscal year to predict the year-end forecast.

Personnel and Bylaws Committee – Laura Bliss

In Mr. Klein's absence, Ms. Bliss presented Varsha Likhite for membership to the Board of Directors. The members voted by secret ballot. (The election results were announced later in the meeting. Ms. Likhite was unanimously approved for membership.)

Again in Mr. Klein's absence, Ms. Bliss presented ballots for the office of Secretary. (The election results were announced later in the meeting. Ms. Baba was unanimously approved for the office of Secretary.)

Consumer Advisory Committee – Jim Engvall

Mr. Engvall reported that the CAC held elections and he was reelected as chair and Sarah Hoffman was reelected Vice Chair. The CAC members discussed the recent budget reductions, focusing on transportation and Medi-Cal, especially dental services. Discussion will continue at the November meeting.

The September Self-Advocacy Conference was a big success. The conference was organized by people who receive services including some of the CAC members. The conference title was "Our Lives Aren't Negotiable: Don't Dis-COUNT Us Out!"

Mr. Engvall presented a form discussed at the meeting and asked that the Board consider adopting the form as a part of the IPP process.

Service Provider Advisory Committee – Nancy Dow Moody

Twenty-five providers were represented at the October 13th meeting. Currently there are 16 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.

Ms. Moody distributed ballots for membership to the SPAC. Mr. Benda and Mr. Gayler were approved for membership to the Service Provider Advisory Committee.

ARCA Report – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss reported that the Individual Choice Budget (ICB) Model was a focus of discussion at last Friday's ARCA meeting. Ms. Bliss assigned discussion to the Client Services Committee for report in November.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Jim Shorter

Mr. Shorter reported staff are implementing AB 9 and reiterated Ms. Bliss's comments regarding the community meetings.

Mr. Shorter and Mr. Rogin are revising the Strategic Plan.


Mr. Shorter has been working with staff and program staff to prevent a program closure in Marin.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, November 17th, 6:00 pm in our San Francisco office at 875 Stevenson Street.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy K. Leonard
Executive Assistant


TOR: YUKARI BABA, Secretary
Board of Directors

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