



Golden Gate Regional Center

Serving people with developmental disabilities since 1966

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED - OCTOBER 24, 2008

BOARD of DIRECTORS
RECORD of MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008
6:30 PM

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

PRESIDING: Laura Bliss

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Daisy Ambia Jim Engvall
Yukari Baba Allan Farrar
Hal Belmont Sarah Hoffman
Kauai DeMarzo Steve Sazegari
Alice Elliott John Weber

NOT PRESENT: Alexandra Joulibert Toomi Rogers
Nancy Dow Moody

STAFF: Barry Benda Gabriel Rogin
Judy Leonard Lisa Rosene
Paul Ogilvie Jim Shorter
Felice Parisi

GUESTS: Charles Devlin Dennis Nunan
Margery Farrar Walt Slater
Della Gremillion Rocio Smith
Gordon Lam

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bliss called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Welcoming remarks and self-introductions followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Weber noted that #4 under Executive Committee should fall under the Personnel and Bylaws Committee. He further noted that the Record of Meeting of July 15, 2008, did not include his request for a copy of the notes from the Executive Committee meeting of July 15th. Hearing no objections the agenda and record were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the full Board, Ms. Bliss presented Ms. Elliott a piece of art painted by our consumer Leroy Geeter in appreciation of her service this past year as Chairperson.

Ms. Bliss announced that committees will meet at GGRC on Tuesday, October 7th, at the

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee/Chairperson's Report – Laura Bliss

In response to a request to clarify the committee assignment process, Ms. Bliss referred the membership to Section 3.06 Duties of the Board bylaws. "The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall appoint the chairperson and members of all committees except where specified otherwise in state law and except for the Service Provider Advisory Committee and the Consumer Advisory Committee."

In response to a request to clarify how committee reports are listed on the agenda, Ms. Bliss noted that the Executive Committee sets the agenda and the practice has been that when it is known that a committee met during the month, the agenda would reflect such. If the Executive Committee was not aware that a particular committee had met, a report would not be reflected on the agenda.

M/S/C That because the committees of the Board are noted in the bylaws as "standing committees," all standing committees will be noted on agenda as reporting.
(Weber/Sazegari)

Ms. Bliss advised that the Board retreat will be held in our San Mateo office, Friday evening, October 24th, 6 – 8 pm, and on Saturday, October 25th, 8:30 am – 2 pm. Dinner will be provided Friday evening. Continental breakfast and a light lunch will be provided on Saturday.

Ms. Bliss noted that Ms. Rogers had resigned her position as Treasurer. Her membership status is pending until January.

Client Services Committee – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss introduced Charles Devlin, the President and CEO of R&D Transportation Services, the broker for GGRCs transportation services. R&D is not a transportation provider. Mr. Devlin provided a presentation on the services his company does provide. Questions followed.

M/S/C That R&D Transportation Services be a standing item on Board meeting agendas.
(Weber/Elliott)

Mr. Devlin will attend the next Executive Committee meeting on October 7th.

Mr. Benda presented the Performance Contract Plan 2009, the yearly plan that we submit to DDS indicating our planned and continuing activities. Discussion followed.

M/S/C To approve the performance plan. (Elliott/Sazegari)

M/S/C To add to the GGRC Strategic Plan a measurement (metric) for retention as it pertains to employment. (Elliott/Weber)

Finance Committee – Hal Belmont

In the absence of a chairperson, Mr. Belmont reported that after 12 months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are below budget by 6.4% but all remaining funds have been encumbered and will be spent accordingly.

After 12 months of operation, GGRC year-to-date total unrestricted POS expenditures are below budget by 3.3%, and a surplus of approximately \$3.2 million is currently projected by the time the fiscal year is officially closed; i.e., after all outstanding FY 07/08 POS billings are received and paid (May 2010). Per DDS regulations, any unspent funds will revert back to the State at that time.

After 12 months of operation, GGRC year-to-date total restricted POS expenditures (CPP Regular and Agnews Plans) are below budget by 5.3% and a surplus of approximately \$930,000 is currently projected by the time the fiscal year is officially closed; i.e., after all outstanding FY 07/08 POS billings are received and paid (May 2010). Per DDS regulations, any unspent funds will revert back to the State at that time.

In addition to the interest expense associated with the Line of Credit, the delay in receipt of GGRC's annual advance payment from the State (25% of the DDS/GGRC contract amount; 07/01/08) will also decrease anticipated interest income by a minimum of \$120,000 this year. The cumulative effect of these increased costs upon GGRC's operations cannot be further assessed until the budget has been passed, outstanding advance payments received and lending costs totaled in full.

Personnel and Bylaws Committee – John Weber

M/S/C To open the floor for nominations for the office of Treasurer in light of Ms. Rogers' resignation from the position. (Weber/Sazegari)

Mr. Weber gave each member a nomination form to complete.

M/S/C To close the floor for nominations. (Weber/Sazegari)

The nomination forms were returned to Mr. Weber as he took role.

Discussion focused on the importance of filling the office soonest.

M/S/C To hold a one-hour Board meeting prior to the start of the Board retreat on October 24th, to act on the nominations for the Treasurer position. (Weber/Elliott)

Lastly, Mr. Weber requested copies of the current staff personnel manual for his committee's review.

Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) – Jim Engvall

Mr. Engvall reported that the monthly meeting was not held due to planning for the self-advocacy conference held today at Ft. Mason. Award winners were Laura from Community Gatepath, Simon, a social worker from GGRC and Sandra from The Arc. A documentary was shown about the life of Kathy and Diana who live independently but support each other. Joe Meadors, President of People First of California talked about the importance of speaking up for oneself and encouraged people to join People First chapters.

Service Provider Advisory Committee (SPAC) – Nancy Dow Moody

No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Regarding the Capitol People First settlement, the membership will be briefed by GGRC's counsel Friday evening of the retreat.

Mr. Shorter reported that the Governor vetoed the proposed budget. California has been without a budget since July 1st. Westside Regional Center in southern California has run out of money. Staff there are working on a volunteer basis. Two more centers are nearing the same situation. Because intermediate care facilities fall under the health department, some of GGRC's most vulnerable consumers (the 230+ consumers living in ICFs) are also most in danger of not receiving proper care. The Governor has threatened to veto hundreds of bills on his desk unless legislators make changes in the proposed \$104.3 billion spending plan. This may include AB 1825, the dispute resolution bill, and SB 1175, the ARCA-sponsored bill that encourages the development of a permanent housing stock for people with developmental disabilities.


ADJOURNMENT

Preceding the retreat, a one-hour Board of Directors meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Friday, October 24, solely for the purpose of electing a Treasurer.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 pm in our San Mateo office at 3130 La Selva Street.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy K. Leonard
Executive Assistant


for: Alexandra Joulibert, Secretary
Board of Directors

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