



Golden Gate Regional Center

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APPROVED AS SUBMITTED - APRIL 15, 2008

BOARD of DIRECTORS
RECORD of MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008
6:30 PM

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

PRESIDING: Alice Elliott

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

STAFF: Barry Benda
Drina Dugandzic
Gregory Holler
Judy Leonard
Kathleen Montano
Gabriela Perez
Gabriel Rogin
Najah Shakir
Jim Shorter

GUESTS: Alison Beahan
Della Gremillion
Dennis Nunan
Mele Sekona
Walter Slater
Rocio Smith
Eric Zigman

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 February 19, 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Smith reiterated that GGRC and Area Board 5 are sponsoring two sessions of disaster-preparedness training. The first on March 25th is designed for individuals. The second on March 27th is designed for agencies. Flyers are available.

Ms. Smith announced Congreso Familiar 2008 is scheduled for Saturday, August 16th at Chabot College in Hayward.

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Lastly, she addressed a fact sheet on AB 2424 (Beall). This bill will update the Lanterman Act to ensure more effective individual and family participation in the IPP process and to promote integrated employment and other integrated community activities.

Mr. Sazegari mentioned that Jackie Speier announced her candidacy to finish out the late Congressman Lantos's term.

Mr. Weber announced an event sponsored by Support for Families of Children with Disabilities, the 2008 Walk & Roll, Golden Gate Park, Saturday, April 19th.

Mr. Shorter introduced Eric Zigman, Director of the Quality Management System for the Closure of Agnews Developmental Center, and Gregory Holler, GGRC Quality Management Specialist. The QMS is a planned, systematic approach to the monitoring, analysis and improvement of performance, which increases the likelihood of desired outcomes by continuously improving the quality of care and services provided. (Hard copies of Mr. Zigman's presentation are available.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Client Services Committee – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss directed attention to GGRC's Consumer Outcomes Performance Report for 2007. Again this year, GGRC did very well and staff are to be commended.

Finance Committee – Cliff Burwick

Mr. Burwick reported that after seven months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are below budget by 3.83% 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 4.83% but are currently projected to exceed the total budget amount by approximately \$1.4 million by the end of the fiscal year.

DDS Audit Report for the FYs 2004-2005 and 2005-2006: DDS determined that GGRC was in substantial compliance with applicable sections of Title 17, the HCBS waiver, and the terms of our contract with DDS for July 1, 2004, thru June 30, 2006.

The Finance Committee will review the third section of the Strategic Plan for action next month.

Personnel and Bylaws Committee – John Weber

Mr. Weber reported that three applicants have been identified for interview in April and May. Election of officers will be held in June.

Other committee interests include development of an "interest card," a review of the bylaws, board policies in a visual format, and training.

Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) – Jim Engvall

Mr. Engvall reported that his committee plans to go out into the community to recruit members. They also want to increase community awareness about the CAC, perhaps with flyers. Other areas of interest include self-advocacy, voting, the state budget and legislation. Mr. Engvall encouraged the audience to write letters to their legislators.

Service Provider Advisory Committee (SPAC) – Nancy Dow Moody

Ms. Moody reported on the Legislative Forum at The Arc of San Francisco on February 28, preceded by a provider faire. About 12 providers participated in the faire. Clients served hors d'oeuvres. Laura Bliss, Jim Shorter, an RN from UCSF, two clients, Assemblyman Mark Leno, staffers from Assemblywoman Ma's office and Senator Pelosi's office were among the attendees and speakers on an array of topics.

ARCA Report – Alice Elliott

Ms. Elliott reported on her experience at Grass Roots Day which was March 5th, in Sacramento. The focus of the day was on SB 1175 and AB 1183. Appointments were held with ASMs Huffman, Leno, Ma, Mullin and Ruskin and Senator Yee or their staff.

Next February ARCA is presenting A New Day Conference 2009 – Living and Working in California.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Shorter talked briefly about Grass Roots Day.

Although this year's budget for developmental services is larger than the 2007 budget, there is still cause for concern. Proposed in the budget: 1) Continue and expand the Family Cost Participation Program (estimated savings \$773,000). (There is no provision for additional OPS funds to support the increased workload associated with the expansion of this program.) 2) Continue past cost-containment measures (rate freezes for residential services, community-based day programs, habilitation service programs, in-home respite service providers, supported living services, behavioral intervention training, community integration training, and more) with an attempt to make the temporary measures permanent. 3) Rate freeze on negotiated for rate for providers. 4) 10% rate reduction for Medi-Cal providers. 5) Eliminate dental care for adults, optometrists and optician services, speech therapy and audiology from the Medi-Cal program. 6) Reduce IHSS hours for domestic and related services. 7) Continue the extension of time to complete intake of new consumers from 60 days to 120 days. 8) Increase caseload ratios to 1:66.

If the budget is not signed in a timely manner, we will have to use our line of credit.

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 pm at Golden Gate Regional Center, 3130 La Selva Street, San Mateo.

Respectfully submitted,


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for: Alexandra Joulibert, Secretary
Board of Directors