



Golden Gate Regional Center

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APPROVED AS SUBMITTED - JANUARY 15, 2008

BOARD of DIRECTORS
RECORD of MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2007
6:30 PM

Golden Gate Regional Center
3130 LaSelva 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
Judy Leonard
Gabriel Rogin
Lisa Rosene
Jim Shorter

GUESTS: Anne Borgman
Denis Craig
Della Gremillion
Maria Pena
Mele Sekona
Walter Slater

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 September 18, 2007.

PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of The Janet Pomeroy Center's parents group, Mr. Slater expressed appreciation to Mr. Shorter for the times over the past year that Mr. Shorter has met with and spoken to the group.

On behalf of the Area Board 5 and Congreso Familiar, Mr. Craig expressed appreciation to the Board and the administration of the regional center for the support provided for their annual conference. Attendance was in excess of 800. Mr. Craig also presented a plaque to the regional center from Congreso Familiar.

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Ms. Moody announced an autism meeting at the San Rafael Play School on November 3rd.
Mr. Weber announced that on November 4th, Kid Power is sponsoring a training on safety for youth with disabilities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Client Services Committee – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss reported that her committee agreed to focus on the following three issues over the next year: autism, self-directed services, and quality services.

Ms. Bliss also noted her committee has been reviewing GGRC's Purchase of Service Guidelines. She requested that each Board member review the guidelines for further discussion at the Board's retreat in November.

The November retreat was also discussed with focus on the new policy guidelines.

Finance Committee – Cliff Burwick

Mr. Burwick reported that after two months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are below budget by 4.87% but are expected to reach the total budgeted amount by the time the fiscal year is officially closed. For the same period of time, total POS expenditures are below budget by 1.17% but are expected to reach the total budgeted amount by fiscal year end.

Personnel and Bylaws Committee – John Weber

In Ms. Joulibert's absence, Mr. Weber advised that discussion has focused on a "mission statement" for the committee, recruitment of new members that aligns with state requirements, and the Lanterman Act in terms of board expectations and training.

Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) – Jim Engvall

Mr. Engvall reported that his committee will be focusing on three areas this year: transportation, committee membership and employment. The CAC will also be electing a Vice-Chairperson. The Self-Advocacy Conference was held September 26th at Ft. Mason. It was very successful. Mr. Engvall will be attending the ARCA CAC meeting in San Diego on October 18th.

Service Provider Advisory Committee (SPAC) – Nancy Dow Moody

Ms. Moody reported that the committee did not meet in October but plans remain underway for the next legislative breakfast.

ARCA Report – Alice Elliott

The next meeting is October 19th in San Diego where ARCA's goals and objectives will be introduced. Ms. Elliott noted that included in ARCA's task force groups, there is a Housing Committee, an Information Systems Committee, and a committee on self-directed services and one for supported-living services.

Executive Committee / Chairperson's Report – Alice Elliott

Ms. Elliott reported that the retreat date has been changed to November 9th and 10th. Ms. Elliott also noted that the most recent Executive Committee meeting focused on the 360 evaluation of the Executive Director. Ms. Borgman presented the results of the 360 evaluation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Jim Shorter

Board Retreat: Mr. Shorter reported that Mr. Burwick will be talking about financing of regional centers and he will be talking about the legal requirements of Board members.

Self-Directed Services: Recently Mr. Shorter had an opportunity to see the most current DDS draft. Regional center directors are supportive of self-directed services but are concerned about its current design.

Closure Plan for Agnews DC: By the date of the next Board meeting, three, possibly four, more homes will be ready for people moving out of Agnews.

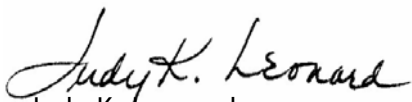
Whitley Decision – For over 20 years, Ms. Maldonado has been the conservator for her adult brother, Mr. Whitley. She appealed a superior court decision granting North Bay RC's request to move Whitley from the Sonoma DC to a smaller community care facility in Fairfield, CA. The Court of Appeals reversed the superior court's decision, stating that the administrative fair hearing process of the Lanterman Act should have been followed. Section 4803 states: "Objections to proposed (community) placements shall be resolved by a fair hearing procedure pursuant to Section 4700." The Lanterman Act requires that administrative remedies be exhausted before judicial review takes place. The Court of Appeals further instructed SDC and NBRC to proceed with a new IPP Planning meeting with Maldonado present. If community placement is still recommended and if Maldonado again disagrees with the placement decision, she should then be accorded her legislatively granted right of review through the administrative fair hearing process.

Capitol People First – The trial court has denied the case class certification. Plaintiffs have appealed the denial of class certification. The case is on hold while the appeals court considers this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, January 15, 2008, 6:30 pm at Golden Gate Regional Center, 3130 LaSelva Street, San Mateo.

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrative Assistant



for: Alexandra Joulibert, Secretary
Board of Directors

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