



Golden Gate Regional Center

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BOARD of DIRECTORS
RECORD of MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007
6:30 PM

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

PRESIDING: Alice Elliott

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

NOT PRESENT: Alexandra Joulibert

STAFF: Barry Benda
Katie Devitt
Judy Leonard
Felice Parisi
Gabriel Rogin
Lisa Rosene
Jim Shorter

GUESTS: Sharon Atkins
Erma Brim
Toomi Chatikavanij
Margery Farrar
Della Gremillion
Maria Pena
Walter Slater
Rocio Smith
Bob Twomey

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Smith: Because of Bank of America's cap on the amount of money it will lend to Hallmark Community Services at any given time, Hallmark needs to borrow money from another lender to expedite its purchase and renovation of the three remaining homes for the Bay Area Housing Plan. To date, Hallmark has been able to borrow funds from The Mechanics Bank (TMB) for such purpose. Hallmark requires an additional \$5 million and TMB is willing to loan that amount to Hallmark if regional centers (GGRC, RCEB, SARC) agree to guarantee repayment of such sum. TMB also requires each regional center (GGRC, RCEB, SARC) to adopt a corporate resolution that authorizes the Executive Director of each regional center to sign the Guarantee.

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Should the Board choose not to approve signature, three homes in Escrow would be lost. Discussion followed. (Not an agenda item, Ms. Rocio raised this issue because of its importance to the clients coming out of Agnews Developmental Center.)

M/S/C To adopt a corporate resolution that authorizes the Executive Director to sign the Guarantee. (Elliott/Burwick) (Two nay votes – DeFea/Weber)

Ms. Smith extended an invitation to Congreso Familiar, a regional conference for Spanish-speaking families who have children with disabilities. Forty workshops will be offered as well as child care.

CONSENT AGENDA

Hearing no objections, the agenda was accepted as presented. Likewise, for the Record of Meeting of September 18, 2007.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Client Services Committee – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss reported that the purpose of the CSC was discussed at her committee's first meeting, as well as critical issues that her committee might focus on this next year. A "mission statement" for the committee was discussed.

Ms. Bliss advised that her committee will be giving a presentation on the new policies adopted by the Board and how they align with the direction the regional center is moving.

Finance Committee – Cliff Burwick

Mr. Burwick reported that after 12 months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are below budget by 6% 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 4.4% and a surplus of approximately \$670,751 (0.5%) is currently projected by the time the fiscal year is officially closed.

The Governor signed the state budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 on Friday, August 24th, and State funding was released accordingly. Fortunately, GGRC was able to manage its cash flow in a manner that did not require the use of the Line of Credit that Union Bank had made available; i.e., no interest expense was incurred due to the two-month budget delay. However, the delay in receiving GGRC's annual contract advance cost the regional center about \$140,000 in lost interest income which will affect the amount of funding available for Operations during the current fiscal year.

Personnel and Bylaws Committee – John Weber

On behalf of this committee and in Ms. Joulibert's absence, Mr. Weber asked members to pull the ballot from their packets, mark their vote and pass the ballots back to him.

M/C On behalf of the Personnel and Bylaws Committee, Mr. Weber moved to appoint Toomi Chatikavanij to the Board of Directors for the term 07/01/07 – 06/30/09.

While this committee has not met face-to-face, Mr. Weber has had dialogue via email where 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 Self-Advocacy Conference is September 26th at Ft. Mason.

Service Provider Advisory Committee (SPAC) – Nancy Dow Moody

Ms. Moody reported that co-sponsorship of HR 1279 was discussed at their most recent meeting. HR 1279 would amend Title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide funds to states to enable them to increase the wages paid to targeted direct support professionals in providing services to individuals with disabilities under the Medicaid Program.

Assemblyman Mark Leno will be introducing a bill which will allow regional centers to pay upfront for mental health services. This will allow our consumers to receive needed services in a more timely fashion. When there is dispute in determining the responsible party (regional center or mental health), the dispute will be resolved in arbitration.

Christine Francis from Community Services at GGRC will be sharing GGRC's efforts in disaster planning at the next meeting.

ARCA Report – Alice Elliott

The next meeting is October 19th in San Diego.

Executive Committee / Chairperson's Report – Alice Elliott

Ms. Elliott reported that the retreat date has been changed to November 9th and 10th. Therefore, we will meet on October 16th but not in November.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Jim Shorter

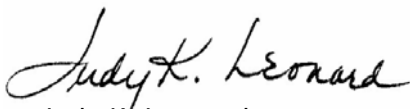
Mr. Shorter reported that staff are busy looking at ways to implement the Board policies. The Board will be kept up-to-date as strategies are developed.

As noted in his job description, Mr. Shorter will be developing a strategic plan that will coincide with the Department's performance contract year (calendar year).

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, October 16, 2007, 6:30 pm at Golden Gate Regional Center, 3130 LaSelva Street, San Mateo.

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrative Assistant



for: Alexandra Joubert, Secretary
Board of Directors

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