



Golden Gate Regional Center

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APPROVED AS SUBMITTED – OCTOBER 18, 2011

BOARD of DIRECTORS
RECORD of MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
5:30 PM

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

PRESIDING: Laura Bliss

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Yukari Baba	Varsha Likhite
Hal Belmont	Caroline Loewy
Chin Chao	Nancy Dow Moody
James Engvall	Robert Ramirez
Ron Fell	Steven Straus
Mark Klein	Martha Thompson

STAFF:

Hal Kirklin	Felice Parisi, MD
Judy Leonard	Lisa Rosene
Ingrid Lin, MD	Jim Shorter

GUESTS:

Barry Benda
Maria Pena
Rocio Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bliss called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Welcoming remarks and self-introductions followed. Mr. Engvall and Ms. Likhite participated by phone.

CONSENT AGENDA

Hearing no objections, the agenda for this meeting and the Record of Meeting of June 21, 2011, were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Smith:

- Carlos Quintong Celebration of Self-Advocacy
Thursday, September 26, 2011, 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Ed Roberts Campus – 3075 Adeline Street, Berkeley
- Rally for Insurance Reform
Friday, September 30, 2011, 11:00 am
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee/Chairperson's Report – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss requested committee chairs update and/or develop critical calendars for their committees. From these calendars, a critical calendar will be developed for the Board as a whole.

GGRC community meetings have been scheduled: October 8th in the San Francisco office, October 13th in the San Mateo office and October 17th at the Corte Madera Town Center Community Room to provide information on the budget and changes in the law (as a result of the adoption of trailer bill language) that affect services.

Services Committee – Yukari Baba

Ms. Baba reported that her committee had reviewed and updated the Services Committee critical calendar.

Annual Family Program Fee: Welfare and Institutions Code 4785 implemented the annual family program fee on July 1st of this year. Regional centers must assess an annual family program fee from parents whose adjusted gross family income is at or above 400 percent of the federal poverty level based upon family size and who have a child with a developmental disability or is eligible for Early Start services; the child is less than 18 years of age; the child lives with his or her parent; the child or family receives services beyond eligibility determination, needs assessment, and service coordination; and, the child does not receive services through the Medi-Cal program. Ms. Rosene directed attention to two documents: the first from DDS transmitting implementation requirements for the Annual Family Program Fee; the second, the procedure for how GGRC will present this plan to our families. Discussion followed.

Finance Committee – Robert Ramirez

Mr. Ramirez reported that DDS completed their audit and that report will be forthcoming. GGRC independent auditors from Lautze and Lautze attended the committee meeting and presented their preaudit interview.

After 12 months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are under budget by 1.8 percent. However, all remaining funds were encumbered by contract prior to the end of the fiscal year contract and final billings will be received/paid in the months ahead. On August 26th DDS announced its intention to issue a B-4 Contract Budget Allocation that would include funding adjustments due to case transfers occurring in the second and third quarters of FY 10/11. These traditional adjustments do not provide additional funding; they merely reallocate existing (previously allocated) funding among regional centers based upon changes in caseload numbers. ARCA and the regional centers are contesting this proposed allocation as it would cause some centers to end the year with a deficit in Operations which is not allowed under existing DDS regulations. If DDS prevails, GGRC will end FY 10/11 with an Operations deficit of \$18,422 which can only be resolved by transferring those costs to FY 11/12, effectively reducing the new fiscal year's available funding by a like amount.

Board Operations Committee – Mark Klein

The committee met in August and interviewed an applicant for membership.

People's Advisory Committee – Jim Engvall

The 15th annual Golden Gate Self-Advocacy Conference will be held tomorrow in the Milton Marks Auditorium, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, starting at 9:30 am. There will be a guest speaker, breakout sessions, awards presentations, live entertainment and more.

Service Provider Advisory Committee – Nancy Dow Moody

Discussion included: 1) A training subcommittee has been formed to look at training options for providers. 2) The budget was discussed and the possibility of additional reductions that may be triggered in January. 3) SB 946 was discussed and the importance of writing support letters to the Governor. 4) Readdressing the consolidation of quality assurance.

Legislative Committee – Ron Fell

The committee discussed the mandates in SB 74 (March 2011) and AB 104 (July 2011) and the additional workload created for regional centers (again unaccompanied by additional resources). SB 946 is on the Governor's desk for signature. (www.senate.ca.gov - Quick Links - Search Bill Information on Leginfo.)

ARCA Report – Chin Chao

Meeting dates for 2012 were established as were committee assignments. Mr. Shorter will serve on the Strategic Planning Committee and Mr. Chao will serve on the Finance Committee.

Director Delgadillo's report focused on the budgetary forecast: current state revenue is behind the forecast; trigger determination will be made by the Controller's office in late November/early December; how regional centers will be affected is currently unknown.

SB 770 morphed into SB 946 and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

Changes in 2012 contract language created no additional workload to regional centers beyond what is required by law.

The search has begun for the ARCA Executive Director position as Bob Baldo is retiring.

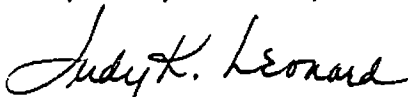
DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Jim Shorter

Mr. Shorter noted that while he is in support of SB 946, he does have concerns.

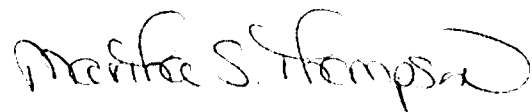
ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 5:30 pm in our San Mateo office at 3130 La Selva Street.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy K. Leonard
Executive Assistant



for: Martha S. Thompson, Secretary
Board of Directors

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