



# Golden Gate Regional Center

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**APPROVED AS SUBMITTED – MARCH 16, 2010**

BOARD of DIRECTORS  
RECORD of MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010  
5:30 PM

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

PRESIDING: Laura Bliss

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Yukari Baba Phillip Hays  
Hal Belmont Mark Klein  
Jim Engvall Varsha Likhite  
Karla Ferruffino Nancy Dow Moody

NOT PRESENT: Daisy Ambia Alexandra Joulibert  
Kau DeMarzo Caroline Loewy

STAFF: Eva Cheng Felice Parisi, MD  
Judy Leonard Lisa Rosene  
Ebony Omelagah Jim Shorter

GUESTS: Sharon Atkins Matt Omelagah  
Merrill Bobele Bill Pickel  
Erma Brim Laura Repke  
Paul Gayler Mele Sekona  
Yuk Ling Kau Peter Smith  
Chin Hong Lou Rocio Smith  
Jennifer Myers

## CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bliss called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Welcoming remarks and self-introductions followed.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Hearing no objections, the agenda and the Record of Meeting of January 19, 2010, were approved.

## PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Klein expressed appreciation to Mr. Gayler for his presentation at the January meeting.

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GUEST PRESENTATION: Bill Pickel, Executive Director of West Bay Housing Corporation and Matt Omelagah, Director of Housing Services at WBHC gave an informative presentation starting with the incorporation in 2004, their accomplishments to the present, and their goals for the future. (Hard copies of presentation available upon request.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee/Chairperson's Report – Laura Bliss

No report.

Client Services Committee

No report.

Finance Committee – Hal Belmont

After six months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are under budget by 3.6% but are expected to reach the total budgeted amount by fiscal year-end.

After six months of operation, GGRC year-to-date total POS expenditures are over budget by 2.2%. A true assessment of GGRC's POS budget status (surplus/deficit) cannot be made until DDS distributes remaining FY 09/10 POS funding.

Personnel and Bylaws Committee – Mark Klein

Mr. Klein reported that his committee met on February 9<sup>th</sup> and discussed the following bylaws changes:

The Client Services Committee has requested changing their name to Services Committee to be consistent with the concept of person-centered thinking.

The Personnel and Bylaws Committee has requested changing their name to Board Operations Committee to better reflect the functions of the committee.

Recruitment of new members was discussed to include a posting on [www.ggrc.org](http://www.ggrc.org), an email to the GGRC staff, and an email to parents and providers.

As the application for membership on the Board and the board interest card are nearly identical, the committee agreed to discontinue using the interest card.

Consumer Advisory Committee – Jim Engvall

Mr. Engvall reported that Bruce Oka from the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency attended the February meeting. He stated that MUNI is having serious budget problems and they are considering reducing the number of bus routes and increasing fares. The monthly pass for seniors and people with disabilities could double in price from \$15 to \$30. The members of the CAC discussed the impact this could have on them. Public hearings have been scheduled for later this month. The CAC will explore sending a representative to MUNI's Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting.

Service Provider Advisory Committee – Nancy Dow Moody

Ms. Moody reported the committee met on February 9<sup>th</sup>, and is making progress in their plans to redesign the current quality system. Currently there are 28 entities that monitor quality. Ellen Goldblatt from Disability Rights California, David Dodds, former Deputy Director of Community Care Licensing, and Eric Zigman from QMS are serving as consultants. They along with Barry Benda of the Lifehouse Agency and Gabriel Rogin of GGRC will be meeting as a special committee on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

A Legislative Forum has been scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>, possibly at The Janet Pomeroy Center. Kim Belshe, Secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency, has been invited. Senator Mark Leno and Assemblyman Jerry Hill have also been invited. We've received word, however, that Senator Leno cannot attend on that date.

Legislative Ad Hoc Committee - Phil Hays

March 17<sup>th</sup> is ARCA Grass Roots Day in Sacramento. We will be forming teams to visit our legislators in their district offices. The teams will be made up of people we serve, parents and family members, staff, and providers by legislative district. We will also need a team in Sacramento on the 17<sup>th</sup> for the visits that ARCA will be scheduling.

ARCA Report – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss reported that Dr. David Amaral from the M.I.N.D. Institute in Davis gave a presentation on autism at the ARCA meeting. The M.I.N.D. Institute is a collaborative international research center committed to the awareness, understanding, prevention, care and cure of neurodevelopmental disorders. Ms. Moody noted that Dr. Amaral will be presenting at the Marin Autism Collaborative on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Bliss added that GGRC will be holding an autism forum in April.

Ms. Bliss presented a newsletter published by the ARCA Consumer Advisory Committee: The Many Faces of Californians with Developmental Disabilities.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Shorter revisited the budget issue. The Director of the Department has said she will not go forward with a deficiency appropriation and regional centers will live within the budget.

We can expect a presentation at our April meeting on WBHC's efforts to develop housing for the folks coming out of Laguna Honda Hospital.

We have applied for a grant from the State Council to develop a proposal for employment for those we serve.

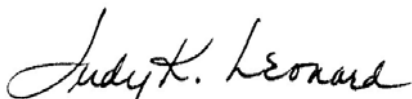
Mr. Shorter has begun working with a group of providers who are generating some ideas on how we can do business differently.

The state has announced that Lanterman Developmental Center will be closing.

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 5:30 pm in our San Mateo office at 3130 La Selva Street.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy K. Leonard  
Executive Assistant



for: Yukari Baba, Secretary  
Board of Directors