



Golden Gate Regional Center

Serving people with developmental disabilities since 1966

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED – JUNE 15, 2010

BOARD of DIRECTORS
RECORD of MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010
5:30 PM

The Cedars of Marin
Two Kensington Road
San Anselmo, CA 94960

PRESIDING:	Laura Bliss	
DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Daisy Ambia Yukari Baba Hal Belmont Karla Ferruffino	Alexandra Joulibert Mark Klein Martha Thompson
NOT PRESENT:	James Engvall Phil Hays Varsha Likhite	Caroline Loewy Nancy Dow Moody
STAFF:	Judy Leonard Lisa Rosene	Jim Shorter
GUESTS:	Ruth Becker Barry Benda	Paul Gayler Cheryl White

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 March 16, 2010, were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee/Chairperson's Report – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss announced that David G. Amaral, Ph.D., Director of Research at the M.I.N.D. Institute, will be our featured guest at the autism forum on April 26th, at The Janet Pomeroy Center in San Francisco. Rick Rollens, ARCA Legislative Analyst, will also be speaking on current legislative efforts for our system.

www.ggrc.org

875 Stevenson St., 6th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 546-9222

3130 La Selva St., Ste 202
San Mateo, CA 94403
(650) 574-9232

5725 Paradise Dr., Bldg. A Ste 100
Corte Madera, CA 94925
(415) 945-1600

Ms. Bliss directed attention to the CART project, a collaborative effort involving Jim Shorter, Alan Fox, Chief Operating Officer of The Arc of San Francisco, Mary Giammona, MD, Medical Director of the Health Plan of San Mateo and Clarissa Kripke, MD, Associate Clinical Professor at the University of California, San Francisco. The CART model is a proposal for enhancing health care delivery systems for transition-age youth and adults with developmental disabilities.

Clinical services for primary care, consultation and assessment;

Advocacy for patients who need support to access care;

Research in population-based health surveillance and health services delivery;

Technical assistance for clinicians at the point-of-care, and Training to ensure an adequate workforce.

Lastly, Ms. Bliss announced that Steven Hoffman will again facilitate the Board of Directors retreat scheduled for July 9 and 10, in our San Mateo office.

Client Services Committee

No report.

Finance Committee – Hal Belmont

After eight months of operation, GGRC year-to-date Operations expenditures are under budget by 5.17% but are expected to reach the total budgeted amount by fiscal year-end.

After eight months of operation, GGRC year-to-date total POS expenditures are over budget by 2.43%. A true assessment of GGRC's POS budget status (surplus/deficit) cannot be made until DDS distributes remaining FY 09/10 POS funding for CPP – Agnews Continuation.

Personnel and Bylaws Committee – Mark Klein

On behalf of his committee:

Mr. Klein presented revisions to the bylaws, including changing the name of the Personnel and Bylaws Committee to Board Operations Committee; changing the name of the Client Services Committee to Services Committee; deleting redundant verbiage; and reassignment of committee responsibilities.

Mr. Klein presented Robert Ramirez for membership.

Mr. Klein distributed ballots for Martha Thompson's election to serve as a member.

(Ms. Thompson was unanimously approved for membership.)

Mr. Klein solicited nominations for officers for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Consumer Advisory Committee – Laura Bliss for Jim Engvall

In Mr. Engvall's absence, Ms. Bliss reported that West Bay Housing is developing a series of videos that will show examples of housing options. West Bay solicited the CAC's input to ensure that the videos are person centered and that they address issues that are most important to people supported by GGRC. The CAC also gave input on GGRC's new Facebook page which it sees as a positive communication tool. Discussion has begun on changing the name of the CAC.

Service Provider Advisory Committee – Barry Benda for Nancy Dow Moody

In Ms. Moody's absence, Mr. Benda reported that discussion included: A name change for the committee and developing a mission statement; providers will have input in GGRC's RFP review process this year; more interaction/collaboration with GGRC's CAC.

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 and others as well met as a special committee on March 11th and 12th, to develop proposals on how to consolidate some of these review processes. Mr. Shorter has made initial contact with Senator Mark Leno and Terri Delgadillo, DDS Director. Both indicated their interest.

Community Gatepath, Parca and Lifehouse are developing 637 proposals on how we can do business differently.

Senator Mark Leno is the featured speaker at the SPAC's Legislative Forum on May 7th, at The Janet Pomeroy Center.

Legislative Ad Hoc Committee – Mark Klein for Phil Hays

In Mr. Hays's absence, Mr. Klein reiterated that as a result of AB 9, regional centers may no longer purchase camp or social recreation activities. Because so many families value camp as out-of-home respite, this committee will focus on legislation to reinstate camp as out-of-home respite, not as a social or recreational activity.

ARCA Report – Laura Bliss

Ms. Bliss reported that she and Mr. Hays, as well as Mr. Shorter and Ms. Rosene, attended the ARCA meeting in Ontario on March 25th and 26th. Discussion focused on the A-3 Allocation and the DDS plan for the closure of the Lanterman Developmental Center. None of the 398 residents receive services from GGRC.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Shorter remarked on the quality of work being done by the CAC under Jim Engvall's leadership and the SPAC under the leadership of Nancy Dow Moody and Barry Benda, focusing on the most important issues.

Mr. Shorter recognized Barry Benda of Lifehouse and Cheryl White of The Cedars of Marin for collaborative excellence for their work as part of the Agnews Team at GGRC.

Sonoma Project: Mr. Shorter and Mr. Belmont have been meeting with architects and others on developing the Sonoma DC campus into an integrated, inclusive community.

Mr. Shorter reported that he has been meeting with staff to build a new website.

Mr. Shorter has been working with Mr. Sazegari, former Board member, to raise money for camps.

Mr. Shorter mentioned that he has been working with a group of people from the Chinese community to focus on issues that are important to them.

OTHER COMMENTS

Ms. White gave a brief description of The Cedars of Marin: The main campus in Ross is home for 48 residents with 10 group homes in Novato and San Rafael housing up to six residents in each home. All residents participate in regularly scheduled day program activities or jobs away from their homes (day programs, senior programs, textile arts, fine art, expressive arts, movement, creative writing, academics, gardening, horticulture, music and more). Participants have the opportunity sell their wares locally as well as around the country.

Mr. Gayler noted that over the past 11 months, R&D has travel trained 18 participants from a day program in San Mateo County. All of the approximately 250 program participants will be assessed for travel training.

Mr. Benda noted that the Lifehouse annual fund raising event "Great Chefs and Wineries" will be held this Saturday evening.

Ms. Rosene noted that person-centered thinking will be launched at GGRC on September 13, 14, and 15. Community Employment Services in San Francisco and Genesis in San Mateo will be piloting the program.

Ms. Beckner shared her concern regarding the Social Security Administration's "Family Plan" spousal benefit, a law passed in the 1930s, entitling her son who is developmentally disabled to receive half of her spousal benefit.


ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, May 18, 2010, 5:30 pm at 875 Stevenson Street, San Francisco.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy K. Leonard

Executive Assistant


for: Yukari Baba, Secretary
Board of Directors

jkl