

## Board of Directors' Meeting

November 27, 2006

Presiding: Dick Long

### Board Members

Present:	Nyron Battles	Rose Coleman
	Ralph Griffin	Becca Loya
	Lauri Parks	Will Sanford
	Claudia Sladen	Anne Struthers
	Emily Whitgob	Steve Whitgob
	Theresa Woo	

### Board Members

Excused:	Bill Dycus	Tom Florin
	Chi Lee	Carmen Quinones

Staff Present:	Carol Bohnsack	Mary Brett
	Jim Burton	Francine Davis
	Susan Driggs	Lisa Kleinbub
	Nancy Kubota	

Guests Present:	Barbara Garcia	Gina Jennings
	Cleo Manspeaker	Rocio Smith
	Todd Struthers	

### CALL TO ORDER

President, Dick Long, called to order the regularly scheduled business meeting of the Regional Center of the East Bay at 7:05 PM. Self-introductions were made.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Burton requested that the agenda for this meeting be amended to include a brief presentation by Barbara Garcia.

M/S/C "The Board moves to approve the Consent Agenda as amended."  
(Sanford/Struthers) Unanimous.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Cleo Manspeaker asked if it would be possible to have 24-hour access to regional center staff when consumers are facing a crisis situation instead of talking to unfamiliar crisis workers. Mr. Burton acknowledged that Ms. Manspeaker has provided the board with valued input and reported we are working with the crisis team to improve their services.

Rocio Smith announced that the annual Area Board dinner will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in Berkeley. Department of Developmental Services Director, Terri Delgadillo, will be the speaker for this year's event.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Dick Long

Mr. Long announced that arrangements have been made for the board to receive a presentation at the January meeting on the Agnews transition and the services being developed to serve these consumers.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: Steve Whitgob

Dr. Whitgob distributed and reviewed the Financial Status Report for October. Dr. Whitgob reported that RCEB's Sufficiency of Allocation Report has been reviewed by DDS and ARCA and the figures have been slightly revised. We are currently showing an insufficiency of \$5.9 to \$9.5 million. We anticipate that DDS will issue confirmation of the C-2 contract amendment to cover some or all of our base deficiency by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Whitgob informed members that representatives of our audit firm, Lautze and Lautze will present their audit findings to his committee in January. Following review of the audit, the Board will be asked to accept the audit findings at their February meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Ralph Griffin

Mr. Griffin reviewed the proposed slate of officers for 2007. Following a ballot vote, Mr. Griffin reported that the following officers had been elected to serve for calendar year 2007.

President – Dick Long  
Vice President – Anne Struthers  
Secretary – Rose Coleman  
Treasurer – Steve Whitgob

Mr. Griffin announced the Ms. Woo's schedule will no longer allow her to continue her work with the Board and tonight will be her last meeting with us. Ms. Woo was thanked for her service and contributions.

**PROVIDER/VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Will Sanford**

Mr. Sanford reported that the wage enhancement letters have been received from DDS and providers have until December 11<sup>th</sup> to apply for these funds. DDS staff will review the applications and inform each regional center of the rate adjustment determined for each provider.

**CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Rose Coleman**

Ms. Coleman reported that Cary Sofye has been elected the Chair of her committee. Ms. Coleman will serve as Vice-chair for the coming year.

Ms. Whitgob asked if CAC members had any response from their letter to the local radio station. Ms. Coleman said there had been no response so far and use of the offensive language has continued.

**ALAMEDA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL: Barbara Garcia**

Ms. Garcia noted that board packets included a draft resolution regarding multicultural access. The Multicultural Access Committee of the Council and Council members have examined this issue and would like to take action to raise awareness in this community. At this time the Council is seeking endorsements of the resolution and request that the Board review the statement and consider an endorsement.

Mr. Long asked members to review the resolution for consideration of endorsement at the January meeting of the Board of Directors.

Ms. Garcia thanked Ms. Loya and Ms. Whitgob for their recent presentation and ESCAPE training. Ms. Loya and Ms. Whitgob provided a full day training session hosted by the DD Council and attendees found the session to be informative and extremely useful.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jim Burton**

Mr. Burton reported that prior to her attendance at the Area Board dinner, Terri Delgadillo will spend the day at RCEB to get to know our community. Ms. Delgadillo has been visiting regional centers throughout the state and returning to DDS with valuable community information. We look forward to her visit.

Mr. Burton noted that the budget situation for our system is concerning. All twenty-one regional centers are projecting that their initial allocations are insufficient. We

are not certain how the state will address this issue but we know that it will be a difficult budget year. Efforts are continuing to end the freezes on rates and start-up funding so it will be important this year to maintain our efforts to educate new legislators to the critical needs of our system.

Mr. Burton reported that the Senate Blue Ribbon Commission on Autism has established task groups to examine specific areas of need. The Education group will meet at RCEB on December 13<sup>th</sup> and members were encouraged to attend. Mr. Burton noted that the Commissioners are doing very important work and we anticipate their efforts will lead to needed public policy changes.

Mr. Burton informed members that the DDS website has valuable information on Self Directed Services and encouraged them to carefully review the proposal. Self Directed Services will provide us with opportunities and challenges and it will be important to understand this new service.

Mr. Burton announced that RCEB staff will hold their annual Winterfest celebration in Walnut Creek on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Board members were encouraged to attend and spend an entertaining afternoon with staff.

Mr. Burton reminded members that the ARCA sponsored New Day Conference materials had been forwarded with their packets. Members were encouraged to review the materials and participate as their schedules allow.

Mr. Burton wished everyone a very happy holiday season.

ARCA REPORT: Anne Struthers

Ms. Struthers reported that ARCA members had not met this month and there would be no report this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Burton informed all present that former RCEB Board member, John Ng had passed away recently and a memorial service will be held on Friday. Following a moment of silence, the meeting was adjourned in memory of John Ng at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Coleman  
Secretary  
RCEB Board of Directors