

## Board of Directors' Meeting

November 26, 2007

Presiding: Dick Long

### Board Members

Present:	Nyron Battles	Rose Coleman
	Bill Dycus	Tom Florin
	Ralph Griffin	Mike Kuller
	Chi Lee	Lauri Parks
	Carmen Quinones	Will Sanford
	Steve Whitgob	

### Board Members

Excused:	Claudia Sladen	Anne Struthers
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Staff Present:	Bill Barbaria	Carol Bohnsack
	Mary Brett	Jim Burton
	Francine Davis	Terri Jones
	Lisa Kleinbub	Nancy Kubota
	Marc Sugars	

Guests Present:	Patricia Albeño	Roger Bulosan
	Shana Cohen	Barbara Garcia
	Sharon Hagerty	Gina Jennings
	Cleo Manspeaker	Hilda Mariscal
	Sandy Martinez	Rocio Smith

### CALL TO ORDER

President, Dick Long, called to order the regularly scheduled business meeting of the Regional Center of the East Bay at 7:10 PM. Self-introductions were made.

### CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C "The Board moves to approve the Agenda as for November 26, 2007 as presented." (Kuller/Griffin) Unanimous

M/S/C            “The Board moves to approve the minutes of 10/22/07 as presented.” (Lee/Kuller) Unanimous

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Cleo Manspeaker thanked Futures Explored and Will Sanford for her Supported Employment program and the Housing Consortium of the East Bay for her apartment in Dublin. The Board congratulated Ms. Manspeaker on her many successes.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Dick Long

Mr. Long reported that members of the Executive Committee had taken action to approve the minutes of 7/23/07 and 9/23/07 meetings of the Board. Copies of those minutes were included in packets for this evening’s meeting.

Mr. Long reviewed the proposed slate of officers for 2008. Following a ballot vote, Mr. Long reported that the following officers had been elected to serve for calendar year 2008.

President – Ralph Griffin  
Vice President – Lauri Parks  
Secretary – Rose Coleman  
Treasurer – Mike Kuller

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: Steve Whitgob

Dr. Whitgob reported that Lautze and Lautze, our independent audit firm, has completed their draft audit report for Fiscal Year 2006/2007 and introduced Sandra Martinez and Roger Bulosan of Lautze and Lautze. This report is unqualified and contains no management comments. A copy of the draft report was distributed to members and Mr. Bulosan reviewed his firm’s findings with the Board.

Dr. Whitgob distributed and reviewed the Financial Status Report for October. We are currently projecting an insufficiency of \$8.7 to \$11.8 million in our POS budget. We anticipate that DDS will issue confirmation of the D-2 contract amendment to cover most of our base deficiency. The Operations budget is balanced and we will continue to monitor these figures carefully to ensure a balanced budget for the year.

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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Ralph Griffin

Mr. Griffin reminded members that that his committee had interviewed Ms. Shana Cohen and placed her name into nomination at the October meeting of the Board. Following a ballot vote, Ms. Cohen was elected to a three year term of service on the Board of Directors.

PROVIDER/VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Will Sanford

Mr. Sanford reported that his group is sharing non-monetary ideas for recruiting and retaining staff. They also shared ways to empower staff so they feel respected and involved.

Mr. Sanford reported that all departments in Sacramento are going through the 10% cost containment drill and we can expect the Administration's budget proposals to provide us with a very busy spring.

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Rose Coleman

Ms. Coleman reported that Nyron Battles has been elected the Chair of her committee for the coming year and Lance Landis will serve as Vice-chair.

Ms. Coleman said there has still been no response from efforts to contact the radio station and use of the offensive language has continued. The group will now be sending a letter of complaint to the FCC.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

There was no report this evening.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jim Burton

Mr. Burton reported that if the 10% across the board reductions in state-funded services occur, they will have a devastating impact on all service systems. It will be important to watch the budget process for the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Burton commended Carol Bohnsack and her staff on their work on the Agnews closure. The first of the homes has been completed and others will continue to open throughout the coming year. An open house has been scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Burton reminded the Board that each placement from Agnews will be done carefully with the health and safety of every consumer being our primary consideration.

Mr. Burton reported that we are having a difficult time with efforts to maintain caseload ratios and are not finding applicants. We are particularly in need of bilingual staff and will continue all efforts to recruit and retain staff. Members were informed that RCEB currently has a backlog of intakes in the Early Start division. A plan is being developed to bring the process current and to see that all families are promptly contacted when calling about services for their children. Mr. Burton will keep the Board informed of the progress being made to eliminate the backlog.

Mr. Burton told the Board that Susan sends her regards and plans to return to work in January.

Mr. Burton wished everyone a very happy holiday season.

#### ARCA REPORT

There was no report this evening.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Coleman  
Secretary  
RCEB Board of Directors