

SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

Advisory Board Agenda

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Advisory Board Minutes 10-19-05

Present: Selina Glater – Chairperson, –Joe&Rebecca Martinez, Barbara Turner, George Ellman, Cheryl (guest)

Guests: Angela Vrbanac-Libby, Clinical Director; Markley Sutton PhD, Chief Psychologist; Judith Bjorndal MD, Medical Director; Dawn Percy, QA; Teresa Murphy, Acting Administrative Services Director

Absent: Dave Hoshiwara, Vice Chairperson, Carin Lawrence

1. Minutes from last meeting approved and signed.

The Board wanted to acknowledge Loretta Vlaardingerbroek for the wonderful work she accomplished while at Sonoma Developmental Center. The Board wishes her the best in her retirement.

2. FACILITY UPDATES – **Administrative Report**

• Angela Vrbanac-Libby, Clinical Director reported:

1. Census – 748

2. As of July 05

• Placed – 5

• Passed away – 9

• Admissions (readmit) – 2

Jim Rogers will be starting at SDC on November 1st

New Program Directors for

Program 1 –Aleana Carreon

Program 2 – Charlotte Jones

New assignments for PDs

Program 4 – Audrey King

Program 7 – Jason Moore

2 more PD positions to be decided when Jim Rogers starts

Judith Bjorndal MD, Medical Director reported:

GOAL #1

SDC will continue to be responsive to the changing needs of the clients.

We are looking at these three areas. The three areas being looked at are:

• Aging population

• Transition services – GAC

• Dual diagnosis

The Objective is to look at Program structure. Survey the staff, get ideas to see what we are and are not doing and find out what can be changed.

This committee is open to input re: goal #1 from members of the Advisory Board.

Medicare Part D – Headquarters is spearheading getting Sonoma Developmental Center information on the process.

Several physicians have retired – SDC is starting to replace those positions.

SDC did lose a Radiologist – the change is that our readings are done at Sonoma Valley Hospital.

The flu vaccine supply is to be delivered next week.

Markley Sutton, PhD reported:

Psychologist are doing training on reducing highly restrictive interventions.

Initially targeted 7 units.

Currently 3 units have been trained with great success.

The training is continuing and all level of care staff will eventually be trained on this process.

The new Clients Rights Advocate, Deborah Dado is scheduled to be trained on this process.

Sonoma Developmental Center has hired 2 psychologist Vince Yoder who currently works on Bemis and Zongjian Wu who will be starting as of November 1st.

Teresa Murphy, Acting Administrative Services Director reported:

Budget – There were no surprises in the budget. The focus will be major and minor equipment, specifically SDC will be looking at purchasing vehicles.

Dawn Percy, QA reported:

QA will be hiring 1 new person.

Glen Ellen Historical Society Report

George reported on the dedication of the bridge on Oct 15 at 2:00. Valerie Brown, Supervisor, 1st District, Sonoma County, Jim Berkaland, Glen Ellen Historical Society, and Teresa Murphy, Sonoma Developmental Center was in attendance and each gave a brief statement.

Barbara Turner PHA Report-

The parents group will be having a fundraiser in March 2006.

The parents group is continuing its advocacy for Sonoma Developmental Center to become a resource center for the community.

Governor passed 2 bills:

AB 1378 (Lieber) allows former staff in connection with the closure of Agnews Developmental Center (Agnews) to work in the community upon immediate separation from State service by exempting them from current law which prohibits former state employees from working contractually with the state agency they once worked for. The bill would provide that an Agnews State employee performing the regular duties of their position would have the same limits on liability as their counterpart working in a State facility.

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STATUS: Chapter 538, Statutes of 2005

SB 962 (Chesbro) establishes a new licensing category as a pilot project that will operate through January 1, 2010. The target population for these facilities will be 120 adults with developmental disabilities who have health care and/or intensive support needs. Each home will be licensed by the Department of Social Services for not more than 5 residents, and will have a facility program plan approved by the Department of Developmental Services. Local monitoring will be performed through enriched regional center staffing, while the Department of Developmental Services will ensure the regional centers effectively perform their responsibilities through biannual facility visits.

SPONSOR: Department of Developmental Services (Administration)

STATUS: Chapter 558, Statutes of 2005

AB 609 (Lieber) requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) by March 1, 2006 to establish the Agnews Developmental Center Campus Advisory Group (Advisory Group) consisting of an array of specified stakeholders. The Advisory Group would provide the Legislature with recommendations regarding the disposition of the real property of the Agnews campus by June 30, 2006. These recommendations would be required to preserve the land, or its value, for the use of people with developmental disabilities. The Advisory Group would be co-chaired by the executive directors of the Bay Area Regional Centers, if they consent to serve. AB 609 would sunset August 31, 2006.

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STATUS: VETO

Board members discussion:

Looking ahead:

1. Each board member identifies areas that they want to be involved in and bring information back to the board. This would give each board member a responsibility to be involved.
 - Example: Board member (Selina) is interested in changes in the Laws, she would keep the board updated on any changes pertaining to laws.
2. Next meeting members to decide on what issues they are interested in.
3. Board members to be surveyed as to the frequency, time and day of their meetings.

Options for schedule of Advisory Board Meetings:

Plan A – Stay quarterly

Jan 18, 2006	April 19, 2006
July 19, 2006	October 18, 2006

Plan B – Every other Month (starting January 2006)

January 18, 2006	March 15, 2006
May 17, 2006	July 19, 2006
September 20, 2006	November 15, 2006

What day of the week would the board prefer to meet?

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Foxine to send out survey to board members with instructions for the response to go to Selina.

Note: Next meeting the board will have a special guest and special presentation

Jan 18, 2006, RSVP is requested. Email Foxine as to your attendance.

Thanks