

## SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

Advisory Board  
15000 Arnold Drive  
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### Advisory Board Minutes 8-31-07

Board Members Present: Selina Glater (Chairperson), George Ellman, Carin Lawrence

Guests: Judith Bjorndal M.D., Medical Director; Theresa Billeci, Administrative Services Director; Karen Litzenberg, Asst. to the Executive Director, Cheryl Crose (Santa Clara Mental Health Board), Hal Belmont

1. Minutes from last meeting approved.

#### 2. FACILITY UPDATES:

- **Theresa Billeci**, Administrative Services Director, reported:
  - Future planning continues with a lot of input and the generalized plan for movement of clients is at the tail end. There is 1 unit left to move at the end of September 2007, then management will pause to look at other buildings, look at transportation, and day programs/activities.
  - The IPP Process, in collaboration with Regional Centers, is in phase 1 training for ICF. The next step is to offer it in NF.
  - Self advocacy workshops for clients and staff are underway, working with Becoming Independent and North Bay Regional Center and using the People First process. We had presentations for staff and clients by individuals with developmental disabilities regarding abuse prevention. It is part of a new program that meets weekly here. The discussion is regarding the philosophy of self advocacy, not to rely on staff to problem-solve, to use peers as sounding boards.
  - The budget is late this year and we haven't yet received numbers. We ended last year with \$66,000 surplus, which is good for a \$152 million budget. We expect to get the budget within the next few weeks. We don't know of any major cuts.
  
- **Judith Bjorndal, MD**, Medical Director, reported:
  - It's been a nice year of stability and growth (in medical staffing); there have been some retirements and recruitment continues. Success breeds success, and there are physicians interested in working here.
  - The Pharmacy has improved. We've recruited new pharmacists, which has improved morale.
  - We have the same radiology circumstances as before; we are still keeping our eyes open and are looking at digital equipment. We saw a presentation two days ago for a company that did the equipment at Napa State Hospital. We try to keep the number of retakes down; we're well below national average. There

is a new radiological technician starting today. Digital equipment will enhance our ability to be state-of-the-art.

- For anesthesia, Dr. Wymore has retired and there is no anesthesia services right now. We use it for dental work and some exams and simple procedures. It is very light. Deeper sedation goes to the hospital, but hospitals don't give us ER time for procedures we do here. We are looking at contracting with a group. By the next meeting we you we should have happy news.
- There was no problem with getting the flu vaccine this year. We are also giving a shingles vaccine.

### **3. Glen Ellen Historical Society Report**

George Ellman gave an update regarding the Glen Ellen Historical Society's efforts regarding the PEC building (the brick building next to the Administration building).

### **4. Public Comment:**

Selina led a group discussion regarding what the board members want the board to do. Hal Belmont asked what the function/mission is for the Advisory Board. The group discussed the organization and process for reports or recommendations to the Governor's office, or reporting information through legislative offices. What is the formal process for correspondence with the Governor's office? Can a letterhead be developed with the board members' names listed? Who is the point person at the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) that liaisons with the Governor's Office?

Selina will contact the Governor's Office to inquire about the above issues. Karen L. will contact DDS to identify a contact person for Advisory Board communications.

The group also discussed the vacant chairs on the board. Carin Lawrence will nominate a former client to serve on the board.

Hal Belmont offered to create a letterhead for the board to be routed and approved by existing board members.

A discussion was held regarding the schedule for future meetings.

- Hal Belmont suggested meeting on Saturday afternoons, after the Parent Hospital Association (PHA) general meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of odd months).
- Selina Glater proposed meeting twice a year on Fridays from 10-12, then members could stay in town for the Saturday PHA meetings.

**The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10am – 12 pm on Friday, November 30, 2007**

Meeting Adjourned.