

MINUTES OF THE EDI BOARD MEETING  
3/26/09 (MARCH)

Board Attendees: John, Mark, Blane, Winston, Don, Peter (on phone)

Other Attendees: Gina and Leslie (EDI Co-Executive Directors)

The meeting came to order at 6:46.

Public Comment: Blane mentioned that there would be a \$250 stimulus payment to those receiving SSI. Gina said that events celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of People's Park would be taking place between April 18-26.

Approval of Minutes: Don moved, Mark seconded, and the minutes for December 11, 2008 were approved. Don moved, Mark seconded, and the minutes for Feb 26, 2009 were approved.

Approval of Agenda: Items E and F were struck. All committee reports excepting Disaster Preparedness were struck. Discussion of the negative postings on the Berkeley-disabled list serve was added to Executive Session. Winston moved, Don seconded, and the agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

President's Report: Blane said that he was in contact with EDI's lawyer about the negative postings on the Berkeley-disabled list serve. He said that no response had yet been received on EDI's proposal for a new van.

Executive Directors' Report:

In February, there were 307 attendant calls, 55 emergency transportation calls, 53 demand-response transportation calls, and 12 repairs.

There were no new hires or terminations, and two suspensions.

Ayanna is in the hospital.

Gloria, EDI's Contract Monitor with the City of Berkeley, requested revisions to the quarterly report and a summary of quotes for the new van, which were provided. Gloria said that EDI needed to increase the number of clients EDI serves, and, as a result, several steps have been taken to increase outreach. Flyers are being put up around town. EDI is sponsoring a Health Fair at People's Park on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2-5 P.M. There will be a large fair in August. Gina is doing outreach to disability organizations in Berkeley. The EDs hope to have a

directors' forum at the EDI office once a date can be set. Gina met with Jan Garrett of CIL and Jan will be sending out EDI brochures to Berkeley clients. EDI staffed a table at the Festival of Friendship on the U.C. campus. Confirmation of EDI's services has been noted on Google and Facebook. Brochures were sent to the Special Education Department of the Berkeley Unified School District. Brochures and a newsletter were sent to the Strawberry Creek Lodge, and the EDs are thinking about doing a presentation there in the near future. Also being contemplated are contacting religious organizations in Berkeley and a lunchtime table at Sproul Plaza.

EDI's ACS client will now be receiving regular services from ICR.

A new bookkeeper will be selected from the two finalists in the next couple of days.

An HR consultant has offered to revise EDI's Employee Handbook for about \$2500. The proposal will need to be reviewed by Board members and EDI consultants.

The EDs said that they wanted to submit an interest statement to the Alameda County IHSS Rapid Response proposal, restricting our interest to the Berkeley-Albany-Emerlyville area, which has between 1800 and 3000 IHSS consumers. This would be a good way to expand EDI's services, give our attendants more work, and help inform Berkeley IHSS consumers about EDI. Peter moved, Don seconded, and the Board unanimously gave its OK to respond to the RFI.

EDI is purchasing a banner to hang at events.

From Kriss Worthington, EDI found out that there was a meeting of 40 different disability organizations. EDI is now on the list, and the next meeting is April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Blane mentioned that EDI needs to increase its outreach to seniors, and Don suggested that EDI's attendants get additional training for seniors and those with developmental disabilities. Peter added that the Berkeley Housing Authority had a list of senior facilities in Berkeley.

Current budget figures and a report on EDI's background check procedures were provided to the Board.

Status of Repair Service: John reported that Dan McMullen offered some space, and some non-wheelchair material was given away. The EDs were not happy that the Board wanted them to make storage room in the office, but the Board pointed out that it had already voted on this issue. Peter moved and Don seconded to approve one more month's payment for storage, and the motion passed, albeit not unanimously.

Accounts Receivable Policy: Mark commented and the Board confirmed that attendants need to submit their non-payment forms in order to be paid for their services by EDI.

At 8:45, the Board moved into Executive Session with two of its consultants, Bruce and Mary.

At 9:40, the meeting adjourned.