

MINUTES OF THE EDI BOARD MEETING
6/26/08 (June)

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

Other Attendees: Leslie, Gina, Jana Overbow

The meeting came to order at 6:43.

Public Comment

Jonah said that he would be back at the meeting in person next month and that he had had some medical issues and was taking it easy. He said that there were yoga classes available for PWD at the Cal Recreational Sports Facility and to contact Danyel Morales at 643-8031 or danyel@berkeley.edu for details.

Jana Overbow said that she had been in the community since 1980 and was proud of EDI. Jana said that she was working at CIL in Oakland maintaining a registry database of available attendants that was continually updated. She said that CIL also had people available to help with housing, benefits, and equipment. She said that Esperanza did similar work at CIL Berkeley, but that there were no rigid geographical boundaries. Winston suggested that those with voicing skill be added to the registry.

Approval of Minutes

Blane moved, Peter seconded, and the minutes for May 22nd were approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Peter moved, Don seconded and the agenda was unanimously approved.

President's Report

The budget was approved by the city. The Board met with Bruce Birkett to work on determining how better to restructure. Peter said that a dialogue had been opened up.

Executive Directors' Report

Jonah moved, Don seconded, and it was unanimously approved that Mark, in consultation with the Board President, would authorize expenditures of the remaining budget for the current fiscal year.

Charles moved, Peter seconded, and it was unanimously approved to send \$2000 to Sabrina Klein for her continued advice and support.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to go ahead with an end-of-year employee bonus plan presented by the EDs.

In May there were 405 attendant calls, 58 transportation calls, 23 on-demand transportation calls, and 7 repairs.

Two male attendants and one female attendant were hired, and two attendants resigned.

The OSHA training DVD on blood borne pathogens will be shown at the July staff meetings.

Leslie talked with Elizabeth from Marin County yesterday, and it looks like they will need EDI for another two to three months. Marin is eager to assist EDI with attendant training and suggested August as a possible time to come to Berkeley for the training.

Regarding the attendant parking issue, it does not look like Home Care Permits will work. It was decided to try and talk to Kriss Worthington and Dona Spring.

Leslie hopes to work on a simple newsletter in the next month conveying EDI news and including a list of disaster preparedness supplies.

Leslie also hopes to work on updating the Employee Handbook and the Client Handbook in the next month.

Angelique has told EDI that she will approve the budget crafted by Gina, Mark, Wilhelmina, and Leslie.

Chris, the webmaster, will be helping with fundraising on the web starting in July.

The Golden Gate Regional Center met with EDI in April to discuss the possibility of designing a program for clients of the San Mateo Regional Center. They are now interested in going ahead. The Board said that they should prepare a proposal for the Board's consideration.

Everyone attended at least one of the three CPR trainings held in June.

EDI was contacted by a woman from the Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities who had seen EDI's website and wants more information that could lead to setting up a program in her area.

The EDs met with Angelique to go over the results of Berkeley's EDI client satisfaction survey. Out of 34 comments received, 27 were positive, 7 negative.

Some new office equipment and training videos will be purchased with the remaining 07-08 budget funds. Also under consideration are a community picnic and employee bonuses.

TelePacific is the new vendor for EDI's office phones and internet service. The changeover was difficult but the problems appear to be resolved.

Disabled Lawyer Search

Peter is trying to identify a time for the Board to meet with the original candidate. He contacted a reference from Gina, but they need more full time work.

Status of Repair Service

John will make a list of needed tools and will purchase them. He will look at better places to secure the tools and at better places to park the van.

Filling Board Vacancies

It was suggested that a posting be made on the Berkeley-disabled list serve.

Ed Roberts Campus

EDI has an interest in renting there when it opens. Blane said there was significant opposition in the neighborhood to the design. Charles said he would get an update.

Serving Children with Disabilities

Leslie said it would be a good way to expand our services. It was suggested that we could give presentations to the PTAs and schools.

Walkie-Talkies vs. Cell Phones

During the discussion it became clear that walkie-talkies would not work for EDI, in large part because others could overhear confidential information.

Executive Director Search

The ED search was considered to be on hold until we continued our consultation with Bruce Birkett.

Election of Peter as Board Vice-President

Charles moved, Winston seconded, and Peter was permanently appointed as Board Vice-President.

Peter encouraged more formal proposals from the staff during their reports.

At 8:35, Peter moved, Winston seconded and the Board unanimously approved going into Executive Session. Discussion was primarily about an update on the status of certain clients. No formal actions were taken.

At 9:10, Winston moved, Peter seconded, and the Board left Executive Session with unanimous approval.

At 9:15, Don moved, Winston seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn.