

AGENDA
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, April 20, 2021- 5:30 PM
GOLDEN GATE REGIONAL CENTER
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING (See below for details)

- 5:30 pm I. CALL TO ORDER (Audrey deChadenedes)
- ACTION** II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Audrey deChadenedes)
ACTION A. Agenda (A)
B. Record of March 16, 2021 Meeting
- 5:40 pm III. PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS (Audrey deChadenedes)
- 5:50pm IV. STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, BAY AREA OFFICE UPDATE
(Sheraden Nicholau)
A. The Top 5: Advocacy for Transition from School to Adult Life
- 6:05 pm V. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Audrey deChadenedes)
A. People’s Caucus (Isaac Haney-Owens/Jay Katz)

B. Services Committee (Audrey deChadenedes)
1. Board Presentation Issues Spotlight: Transition from School to Adult Supports and Services: (Kara Schinella, San Francisco Unified School District and Gail Oytas, Sequoia Union High School District)
- 6:20 pm C. Board Operations (David De Lira)
1. Presentation of prospective candidate Hank London
- 6:25 pm D. Finance Committee (Michael Bernick)
1. Monthly Financial Statements
- 6:30 pm E. Service Provider Advisory Committee (Abigail Yim)
1. SPAC COVID Update
- 6:40 pm F. Legislative Committee/ARCA Reports (Audrey deChadenedes)
1. Legislative Update
2. Other ARCA Delegate Updates
- 6:45 pm G. Executive Committee/Chairperson’s Report (Audrey deChadenedes)
- 6:50 pm VI. DIRECTOR’S REPORT (Eric Zigman)
1. Coronavirus Update, Response and Activities
- 7:15pm VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
1. Personnel Issue – Leadership Development

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RECORD of April 20th, 2021 5:30 PM
1355 Market St. Ste. 220
San Francisco, CA 94103
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING

PRESIDING: Audrey deChadenedes

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Nini Aye Jay Katz
Edith Arias Alex Madrid
Michael Bernick Abby Yim
Tracey Bullock Tiger Yorke
David De Lira Dillon York
Isaac Haney-Owens

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Yuk Ling Kau

STAFF: Kathryn Carpenter Lisa Rosene
Lop Hou Marcie Johnson Soslau
Ingrid Lin Jayashree Nathaniel
McKenzie Baysinger Sean Galvin
Amanda Pyle Norman Manglona
Eric Zigman Jennifer Maxwell

GUESTS: Jim Dycus Lynn Pulliam
Erika Gonzales Maxine Milam
Hank London Sheraden Nicholau
Gail Oytas Kara Schinella

CALL TO ORDER (Audrey deChadenedes)

Ms. deChadenedes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Welcoming remarks and introductions followed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Audrey deChadenedes)

ACTION A. Agenda

The agenda for tonight's meeting was approved.

M/S/C (Nini Aye motioned/David DeLira seconded).

ACTION B. Record of March 16, 2020 Meeting

The Record of Meeting of March 16, 2021 was approved.

M/S/C (Jay Katz motioned/ Alex Madrid seconded).

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PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT

Board Member Isaac Haney-Owens informed the board of his audition with a new television show called, “Love on Spectrum.”

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD), BAY AREA OFFICE UPDATE (Sheraden Nicholau) Advocacy Top 5: Action and Advocacy YOU Can Take for Transition from School to Adult Life.

Sheraden reported on advocacy issues and perspectives regarding the Transition from School to Adult Life.

1. You can help set yourself / your student up for success by knowing what the law says about transition.
2. You can focus on building and fine-tuning an Individual Transition Plan (ITP) when you / your student are 14-16 years old.
3. You can use Person-Centered Thinking and Planning & participate in transition fairs and events.
4. You can use audio / visual tools such as YouTube videos, podcasts, checklists, maps, and pictures that remind you of what you are working on.
5. Keep the BIG PICTURE in mind!

Sheraden shared a series of resources on transition from government, school and private sources.

Visit the SCDD website to see our collection of frequently updated resources, which are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Tagalog. <https://scdd.ca.gov/>

Presentation was well received and Q&A followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The People’s Committee (Jay Katz & Isaac Haney-Owens)

Jay and Isaac reported that the People's Committee Meeting was held prior to today's board meeting. In addition to discussing the board packet and upcoming presentation, the committee discussed how they were doing with their day programs, and what their hopes and concerns were in terms of returning to some face to face services after it is safe to do so.

Services Committee (Audrey deChadenedes)

Board Presentation: Issues Spotlight: Transition from School to Adult Supports and Services (Presenters: Amanda Pyle, GGRC; Kara Schinella, SF Unified School District; Norman Manglona, GGRC; Gail Oytas, Sequoia Union High School District; Jayashree Nathaniel, GGRC)

Eric framed the discussion about transition age youth (18-22 years old) for the presentation. After that, Amanda Pyle, GGRC’s Community Services Director described the Local Area Partnerships (LPAs) that have been created with local school districts. These agreements help focus school staff, department

of rehabilitation staff and GGRC staff on the important work of supporting students' transition to adult services, especially in terms of encouraging paid volunteer and employment opportunities and experiences.

The board then hear presentations by Kara Schinella, Program Administrator for Transition Services (SF Unified) and Gail Oytas, Transition Specialist and Workability Coordinator (Sequoia HS District) regarding the many ways educational services and settings support the transition of individuals to adult services and supports. Their PowerPoint presentations were distributed to all board members. Norman Manglona and Jayashree Nathaniel, managers of Regional Center services for GGRC in the San Francisco and San Mateo officers, respectively, added commentary about the partnership with these school districts and the overall need for ancillary support services (like transportation, etc.) that come into play while serving these individuals.

Presentation was very well received by board members.

Board Operations Committee (David DeLira)

Recruitment

David reported that we continue with recruitment of four new board members. Prospective candidate Hank London was presented to the full board on the recommendation of the Operations Committee. His Board Application was included in the Board Materials packet. As per our Bylaws, the board will consider his candidacy in the May Board Meeting.

Officer Elections – Nominations Phase

David alerted the board to the nominations process for Board Officers and ARCA Representatives. Any board member interested in nominating themselves or another board member for any of these positions should send an email to David and Kathryn by April 30th, 2021. Board Operations will consider all nominations and present them along with a recommended "Slate of Officers" in the May Board Meeting. Officer Elections will take place at the June Board meetings as per GGRC's Bylaws.

ARCA Academy

The upcoming ARCA Academy will be held on March 8th, from 1:00pm - 2:30pm. The topic covered was diversity and equity. ARCA will replay the meeting on Wednesday, May 12th from 1:00pm - 2:30pm as well.

Finance Committee (Michael Bernick)

Operations

After eight months of operation, year to date expenditures are under budget by 7.6%. All operations funds have yet to be fully allocated to regional centers which are expected to be allocated within the next month. All operations funds are expected to be fully expensed for the fiscal year over the normal course of operations.

Purchase of Services (POS) Excluding CPP

After eight months of operation, year to date expenditures are under budget by 2.6%. The current estimate is an approximate projected surplus of \$5.5 Million for the fiscal year. Under the current COVID-19 uncertain environment our projections will fluctuate as they are currently based upon a

combination of actual payments to vendors for 2020-2021 fiscal year to date and expected expenditures under normal non-COVID-19 circumstances.

Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) Funding

The CRDP Regular funding is for placement costs and is expected to be fully utilized in the fiscal year.

CRDP Start-Up funding of \$150,000 is additional funding for an EBSH acquired in 2019-2020. Start-Up funding of \$1.4 Million was also approved, but not year allocated for the acquisition of two additional homes, an Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH) and a Specialized Residential facility-Residential Care for the Elderly (SRF-RCFE).

Service Provider Advisory Committee (Abby Yim)

SPAC Meeting Update/COVID-19 Response Activities of GGRC's Provider Community

- SPAC is maintaining a weekly cadence of meetings and has started a sub- committee to focus on restart services implications related to: day program services, residential and transportation.
- Our focus as we plan for restarting services is flexibility for ongoing hybrid services and a person-centered approach to planning that meets individual needs while giving collaborating agencies enough of a lead time of changes for planning
- Today's Grassroots Day was a great success. GGRC had 23 representatives (People served, Family members, GGRC Board members, GGRC staff & Provider staff) who met with seven legislative offices. Kate O'Conner, co-chair of SPAC, did a fabulous job coordinating the event for our community.
- SPAC is also interested in ongoing advocacy work outside of Grassroots Day to support flexibility in service provision and planning resources to support the future of service delivery
- SPAC is incredibly appreciative of GGRC's leadership in providing ongoing, responsive and clear guidance and support

Abby reminded interested people to continue to navigate the new provider website for resources, including things we can do to support each other in this difficult time. The site is updated frequently: <https://www.connectics.org/providerresources>

Legislative Committee/ARCA Reports (Audrey DeChadenedes)

As mentioned in the SPAC report, today was ARCA's annual Grassroots Day. GGRC groups met with seven Senators and Assembly Members from our three counties. Several of our board members participated and did a wonderful job - Isaac Haney-Owens, Mike Bernick, David DeLira, and Abby Yim, as well as myself and Eric.

Some of the issues we addressed were:

- Service coordination and caseloads
- Uniform holiday schedule and provider rate sunsets
- Better minimum wage rate adjustments

- AB445 (Calderon), which is about eliminating a requirement for RC's to collect certain information about parents of persons served.
- Lessons from the pandemic, an effort to continue the person-centered flexibility that emerged in the last year.

Our Advocats group has also been meeting with our legislators over the last month, stressing these same topics. We have met with Senator Becker, and Assembly Members Levine, Berman, and Mullin; and we have meetings coming up with Assembly Members Ting and Chiu, and Senator Wiener.

The schedule for the legislature's budget process going forward is as follows:

April 28 - Policy deadline for fiscal bills

Mid-May - May revise and hearings

June 15 - Budget passage

June 30 - Budget signature

Executive Committee/Chairperson's Report (Audrey deChadenedes)

Audrey reminded board members that the board will meet in executive session tonight to discuss a leadership development/personnel issue.

Director's Report (Eric Zigman)

GGRC COVID-19 Update on Response Activities

Eric reported that Covid positive reports of people served by GGRC are very low now; so far only one report has been received since April 1st. This is in comparison to 30 reports per month on average during the entire pandemic period at GGRC.

Thus far the Department of Developmental Services has issued over 40 Directives during the pandemic, aimed at protecting the health of the people we served and their families. There is conversation currently going on by policymakers in the state concerning which of these directives should survive the pandemic (because they would benefit our community in the future during non-pandemic times). We are advocating for the continued authority to make health and safety provider funding decisions here at the local level. This directive and authority have been absolutely critical during the coronavirus pandemic. In addition, we believe that the various directives involving the use of technology to meet and connect with persons served should also survive the end of the pandemic as one option for planning meetings or for providing services (to augment and support face to face service delivery).

Eric also briefly discussed ARCA's Budget Letter of April 2nd in response to preliminary budget hearings outlines the salient issues of the day for our system. It is recommended to board members for their review (and was included in board materials packet sent April 13th)

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Zigman
Executive Director

Jay Katz
Secretary, Board of Directors