

**AGENDA (DRAFT)**  
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING  
**Tuesday, February 16, 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 January 19, 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 Underserved Communities in I/DD Services
- 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: 2019 Reducing Disparity through Person Centered-Thinking: Unmet Needs Survey Results & Annual Review Survey Results (Imani Pardue Bishop, Diversity Specialist, Ami Sullivan, Kinetic Flow)
- 6:20 pm C. Board Operations (David De Lira)  
1. ARCA Academy – March 13th  
2. Recruitment of GGRC Board Members
- 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  
2. Strategic Plan Discussion – Next Steps

For Zoom information, you must RSVP to the meeting. Please contact Kathryn Carpenter at [kcarpenter@ggrc.org](mailto:kcarpenter@ggrc.org), or call **415-832-5520**. If it goes to voicemail, please leave a message with your email and/or other contact information, and you will be contacted with the Zoom access information in order to enter the meeting.



# Golden Gate Regional Center

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BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING  
RECORD of February 16, 2021, 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 Abby Yim  
Michael Bernick Tiger Yorke  
Tracey Bullock Dillon York  
David De Lira  
Yuk Ling Kau  
Isaac Haney-Owens

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Alex Madrid

STAFF: Kathryn Carpenter Jacque Lawton  
Sean Galvin Imani Pardue-Bishop  
Brooke Harland Lisa Rosene  
Lop Hou Marcie Johnson Soslau  
Ingrid Lin Eric Zigman  
Jennifer Maxwell

GUESTS: Everett Brandon Maxine Milam  
Erika Gonzales Sheraden Nicholau  
Hank London Ami Sullivan

## CALL TO ORDER (Audrey deChadenedes)

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

## CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Audrey deChadenedes)

**ACTION A. Agenda**

**ACTION B. Record of January 19, 2020 Meeting**

*The agenda for tonight's meeting, and the Record of Meeting of January 19, 2021 were approved.  
M/S/C (Nini Aye motioned/David De Lira seconded).*

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PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD), BAY AREA OFFICE  
UPDATE (Sheraden Nicholau) Advocacy Top 5: Action and Advocacy YOU Can Take for  
Underserved Communities in the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Service System

There are many ways to take action in underserved communities.

1. You can get to know how IDD services are provided in your region, and who uses them. Each year, these reports are posted on the DDS and regional centers' websites, broken down by demographics.
2. You can stand up for access rights. Encourage and get involved in public meeting and event planning where people's language and communication access needs are being met.
3. You can partner with trusted and well respected messengers to reach underserved people in your community.
4. You can advocate for service development and service flexibility that meets the needs of underserved people in your community.
5. You can advocate for more diversity in leadership positions and can amplify underserved voices.

Presentation was well received and Q&A followed.

Excellent Resource: Department of Developmental Services Disparity Measures  
<https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/disparities/data/dds-disparity-measures/>

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/>

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Jay reported that the People's Committee met prior to today's board meeting. Much of the meeting focused on COVID, and the availability of the vaccine starting March 15th for people with disabilities. We agreed that there needs to be clarification posted on the GGRC website (or another system) as to whether or not there is a prior-requirement for the vaccine that individuals and families need to know in order to qualify (i.e., doctor's form, or other paperwork). Also discussed Elizabeth Grigsby's Wednesday Zoom meetings, and the development of her technology presentations.

**Services Committee (Audrey deChadenedes)**

Board Presentation: Issues Spotlight: 2019 Reducing Disparity through Person Centered-Thinking: Unmet Needs Survey Results & Annual Review Survey Results (Imani Pardue Bishop, Diversity Specialist, Ami Sullivan, Kinetic Flow)

Amy and Imani presented on the unmet needs survey results of 239 GGRC persons served which was conducted in 2019. The project is designed to use person centered practices to reduce Purchase of Service (POS) disparity by increasing culturally competent person-centered plans and supports in GGRC and in our vendor community and by increasing outreach to underserved ethnic communities.

Results showed that the highest unmet Lanterman Service needs are: In-Home Respite and Housing. The highest unmet additional Support Needs are: safety awareness, language/communication, dental services and mental health issues.

There will be a POS Disparity public meeting, Wednesday, March 10th at 6pm (Spanish & ASL interpretation) and Wednesday, March 17th at 6pm (Chinese Interpretation). Imani will be distributing the flyer to board members. These meetings are an opportunity to:

- Further explore the disparity data as it relates to Purchase of Service
- Discuss the challenges with inequity in service delivery
- Brainstorm solutions that can support GGRC underserved communities

Presentation was well received and a Q&A followed.

### **Board Operations Committee (David De Lira)**

#### **Recruitment**

David continues with recruitment. Prospective candidate, Hank London is attending tonight's board meeting.

#### **ARCA Academy**

The next ARCA Academy will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00pm – 2:30pm. The topic covered will be Diversity.

### **Finance Committee (Michael Bernick)**

#### **Operations**

After six months of operation, year to date expenditures are under budget by 2.4%. 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 six months of operation, year to date expenditures are under budget by 2.0%. The current estimate is an approximate projected deficit of \$2.7 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**

As of the B-1 Contract Amendment, funds have not yet been allocated to regional centers by DDS.

**Service Provider Advisory Committee (Abby Yim)**

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

Abby reported that SPAC continues with weekly COVID Zoom conferencing every Tuesday. The SPAC voting members are currently putting together a plan to address how to support providers throughout the pandemic including vaccine rollout, and future planning as things change once restrictions are lifted (and as day programs can open up). March 15 is the date we are focusing on, when individuals served by regional centers (between 16 and 64 years old) will become eligible for the vaccines (those over 65 have already been eligible).

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)**

Legislative Report  
February 2021

Legislative season is underway with many bills proposed and more to come. Priorities for the legislature seem to be the pandemic and social justice issues.

As mentioned last month, we are fortunate that our system received no cuts for the next fiscal year. ARCA has written a budget letter outlining their priorities, and they are hoping to sponsor two bills:

1. Data Privacy, to repeal mandate that requires collecting personal info from parents - ARCA has an author for this.
2. Restoration of access to generic services without always having to first pursue administrative appeals.

One big focus for ARCA, which is in alignment with other advocacy groups (e.g., The Lanterman Coalition), is for an increase in operations funding to support regional center service coordinators and reduce caseloads.

Assembly member Jim Frazier from the East Bay will champion this issue and sponsor a budget ask about this, among other things. He has invited people to testify at the Assembly Budget Subcommittee hearing tomorrow, February 17. It will begin at 2:30pm, and people can call in with comments, or submit them by email in advance. Audrey will put the details into the chat; and encouraged all to speak up.

Email in advance to - [BudgetSub1@asm.ca.gov](mailto:BudgetSub1@asm.ca.gov).

Dial in: 1-877-692-8957 / Access Code: 131 54 202.

February 19: Deadline for bill introduction

February 23: Senate Subcommittee 3 Hearing

April 28: Policy deadline for fiscal bills

Mid-May: Governor's May Revise

June: Budget passage is June 15, signature on June 30

ARCA is also planning for a virtual Grass Roots Day this year, sometime in mid-April. Stay tuned, and please think about participating. Usually we need to go to Sacramento to take part, but this year anyone can join in meetings with your legislators from your living room.

Finally, we sent Governor Newsom a letter early this month from the board, advocating for higher vaccine priority for people with I/DD. Advocacy was strong on this subject from many directions, and it seems that there has been success in this area. The board will also be writing a letter in the next week in support of increased regional center operations funding.

### **Executive Committee/Chairperson's Report (Audrey deChadenedes)**

No report.

### **Director's Report (Eric Zigman)**

#### **GGRC COVID-19 Update on Response Activities**

Eric reported that to-date, out of the approximately 10,000 people we serve, about 330 people having tested as COVID positive, but among those, there are many with only have mild or moderate symptoms. To-date we have had 13 fatalities related to COVID-19 during the pandemic. We continue to distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) to the individuals and families we serve as well as service providers upon request (through GGRC's website). So far, GGRC has distributed well over 2 million units of PPE. The many COVID-related directives from DDS have been very helpful to our ability to support individuals and families during the pandemic. We currently have staff making "Wellness check" contacts to all those we serve, which includes asking them if they have received the coronavirus vaccine. On March 15, the state will be opening up the eligibility for vaccines to more people with disabilities, including those served by regional centers. We are planning for ways that GGRC can continue to support our community in getting registered for the vaccine.

#### **Strategic Plan – Next Steps**

Eric reported that board members have an opportunity to work the current plan and decide what revisions need to be made. **He encouraged any board members who are interested in working on it to reach out to Audrey to be on the strategic planning committee.** The current three year strategic plan ends in June, and as the new fiscal year approaches, we would really like to have this committee work on this next cycle of GGRC's organizational planning, goals and direction.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Carpenter  
Executive Administrative Assistant

Jay Katz  
Secretary, Board of Directors