

**AGENDA (DRAFT)**  
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING  
**Tuesday, January 19, 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 November 17, 2020 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 Employment Support during the Pandemic
- 6:05 pm V. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Audrey deChadenedes)  
A. People’s Caucus (Isaac Haney-Owens/Jay Katz)  
  
B. Services Committee (Audrey deChadenedes)  
i. Board Presentation: Employment & Internship Support (Michael Bernick, Paid Internship Program & Sean Galvin, Community Services Manager, Competitive Integrated Employment)
- 6:20 pm C. Board Operations (David De Lira)  
i. ARCA Academy Update  
ii. Recruitment of GGRC Board Members
- 6:25 pm D. Finance Committee (Michael Bernick)  
i. Monthly Financial Statements
- 6:30 pm E. Service Provider Advisory Committee (Abigail Yim)  
i. SPAC COVID Provider Update
- 6:40 pm F. Legislative Committee/ARCA Reports (Audrey deChadenedes)  
i. Legislative Update  
ii. Other ARCA Delegate Updates
- 6:45 pm G. Executive Committee/Chairperson’s Report (Audrey deChadenedes)
- 6:50 pm VI. DIRECTOR’S REPORT (Eric Zigman)  
i. Coronavirus Update, Response and Activities
- 7:15 pm VII. Adjourn Meeting to Executive Session, if necessary (Audrey deChadenedes)

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# Golden Gate Regional Center

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BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING  
RECORD of January 19, 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  
Michael Bernick Alex Madrid  
Tracey Bullock Abby Yim  
David De Lira Tiger Yorke  
Yuk Ling Kau Dillon York  
Isaac Haney-Owens

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Edith Arias

STAFF: Kristen Bates Jacque Lawton  
Claire Brown Amanda Pyle  
Kathryn Carpenter Lisa Rosene  
Sean Galvin Marcie Johnson Soslau  
Lop Hou Grace Wong  
Ingrid Lin Eric Zigman  
Jennifer Maxwell

GUESTS: Everett Brandon Sheraden Nicholau  
Breanne Burris Aparna Kommineni  
Maxine Milam

## 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 November 17, 2020 Meeting**

*The agenda for tonight's meeting, and the Record of Meeting of November 17, 2020 were approved..*

*M/S/C (Alex Madrid 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: Advocacy for Employment during the Pandemic

Sheraden reported on tips for supporting employment for people with disabilities during the Pandemic, to include the five areas with the greatest impact:

1. Let businesses know about the diversity you, as a customer, want to see, and let them know about our programs.
2. Share great tools and resources to help job seekers with disabilities get their ‘foot in the door’ such as paid internships and workshops. (Some examples in Services Committee report below).
3. Advocate for reducing the digital divide in your community.
4. Promote CA’s Employment First Policy, and Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE).
5. Attend a GGRC Employment Task Force meeting, a CA Employment First Committee meeting, an employment-focused conference, or other event to build stronger employment outcomes for Bay Area students, job seekers and employees with developmental disabilities.

Sheraden has included many informative links included in the presentation, including GGRC’s Moving Forward: Employment Brochure:

[http://www.ggrc.org/storage/documents/Pamphlets\\_and\\_Other\\_Literature/Moving\\_Forward\\_Employment.pdf](http://www.ggrc.org/storage/documents/Pamphlets_and_Other_Literature/Moving_Forward_Employment.pdf)

Presentation was well received and Q&A followed.

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. They reviewed our daily and weekly activities during the Pandemic, which included day programming Zooms, jobs and other community efforts. Elizabeth Grigsby discussed her Wednesday 'Advocacy Group' Zoom, which included two new projects. Also, Elizabeth is inviting board members to GGRC’s Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee’s Zoom-Meetings which meets every second Tuesday of each month @ 3:45pm. See GGRC’s Website (under “Upcoming Events”)

**Services Committee (Audrey deChadenes)**

Board Presentation: “GGRC Employment & Internship Support” (Michael Bernick, Sean Galvin & Kristen Bates). Topics of discussion are three programs that GGRC participates in to promote job opportunities for individuals served.

1. Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) - Program for individuals served to work in integrated co-worker environments in a competitive market, at minimum wage or better.

2. Paid Internship Program (PIP) - Paid internship program for individuals served to gain professional experience that can lead to paid employment.
3. Local Partnership Agreement (LPA) - Local partnerships between regional centers, Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), the Local Education Agency (LEA) in all three counties in the GGRC catchment area (San Mateo, San Francisco, Marin).

Discussion followed about successes of the programs, challenges and barriers. Presentation was well received and a Q&A followed.

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

#### **Recruitment**

David, Jay and Isaac will be terming off the board at the end of this fiscal year due to term limits, so potentially there will be four open board slots at the end of June 2021. David continues with recruitment.

#### **ARCA Academy**

Eric reported that some board members attended the most recent ARCA Academy on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The topic was Strategic Planning, and how it guides the work of a regional center. Board Member Abby Yim did a presentation on GGRC's Strategic Plan model which was well received. Academies are held via Zoom on every second Saturday of the every other month from 1:00-2:30pm.

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

#### **Operations**

After five months of operation, year to date expenditures are under budget by 2.5%. 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 five months of operation, year to date expenditures are under budget by 2.1%. The current estimate is an approximate projected surplus of \$826,000 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. She thanked Dr. Lin who has been doing an amazing job providing really clear up-to-date COVID vaccine information to SPAC and the entire provider community. 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. It is still anticipated that SPAC (Pandemic related) weekly meetings will continue until further notice.

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)**

- Governor Newsom's budget for 2021-22 was announced on January 8th. The revise will come out in May.
- California has more funds than expected, so our position is not as bad as we feared.
- There will be no cuts to our system this fiscal year; there will also be a one-year extension for the sunsets that we expected. This includes rate increases and Uniform Holiday Schedule.
- The budget provides funding for an emergency coordinator in each regional center; also 5 forensic specialists statewide.
- The budget also creates a new Community Navigator Program to partner with Family Resource Centers in order to increase access and outreach to underserved communities.
- The advocacy focus this year from ARCA, Lanterman Coalition and other groups, will be for increased operations funding to reduce caseloads.

Upcoming Budget Subcommittee Hearings:

- Assembly - Wednesday, 2/17 @ 2:30pm
- Senate - Tuesday, 2/23 @ 1:00pm

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

No report.

**Director’s Report (Eric Zigman)**

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

Eric reported that we have seen an increase in COVID cases since about mid-November, but fortunately still relatively low in comparison to the general public and some other regional center areas. Since the beginning of the pandemic, about 250 individuals and 270 providers have tested COVID positive. We continue to do everything we can to mitigate any outbreaks. We have now distributed well over 2,000,000 pieces of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) — including masks, gowns, gloves and hand sanitizer – to our community, and statewide over 25 million PPEs have been distributed by regional centers!

**Vaccine Distribution**

Dr. Lin reported that COVID vaccine distribution has been a confusing and complicated process.

Dr. Lin referred to the CADPH website for a breakdown of the vaccine distribution, which will be distributed into 3 initial phases, 1A, 1B and 1C. The distribution guidelines are subject to change.

**1A** (3 Tiers – CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS) Includes staff from hospitals and emergency medical services staff and residents from skilled nursing facilities and other residential facilities, staff from home health care and in home support services, and community health workers.

**1B** (2 Tiers) Includes persons 65 and older, those at high risk for exposure at work in sectors including education and emergency services, and congregate settings with outbreak risk, such as homeless or incarcerated populations.

**1C** Includes persons 50-64, persons from 16-49 years with underlying health conditions which increases their risks of severe COVID-19.

We are working with ARCA and other entities to advocate for family members caring for persons with developmental disabilities to be considered under Phase 1A and for persons served who are 16-49 years of age to be moved from Phase 1C to 1B.

As definitions are frequently changed, please refer to CADPH website for complete list of eligibility in Phases 1A, 1B, and 1C: <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Carpenter  
Executive Administrative Assistant

Jay Katz  
Secretary, Board of Directors