

AGENDA (DRAFT)
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, March 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 February 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 Health Equity for Individuals with Disabilities
- 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: Mental Health & I/DD (Marin, San Mateo and San Francisco Updates)
- 6:20 pm C. Board Operations (David De Lira)
1. Recruitment of GGRC Board Members
2. ARCA Academy - March 13th
- 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

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BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
RECORD of March 16, 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
Yuk Ling Kau Dillon York
Isaac Haney-Owens

DIRECTORS ABSENT: David De Lira

STAFF: Kathryn Carpenter Lisa Rosene
Sean Galvin Marcie Johnson Soslau
Lop Hou Eric Zigman
Ingrid Lin
McKenzie Baysinger

GUESTS: Everett Brandon Lynn Pulliam
Kiera Pelletier Maxine Milam
Scott Burry Sheraden Nicholau
Erika Gonzales Chi Vo
Dr. Clarissa Kripke
Hank London

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 February 16, 2020 Meeting

*The agenda for tonight's meeting, and the Record of Meeting of February 16, 2021 were approved.
M/S/C (Nini Aye motioned/Jay Katz seconded).*

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PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT

No one offered public comments or announcements

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD), BAY AREA OFFICE UPDATE (Sheraden Nicholau) Advocacy Top 5: Action and Advocacy YOU Can Take for Health Equity

Sheraden reported on health equity requirements, Per W&I Codes 4655 and 4541

1. You can educate yourself on the basics of health and healthcare equity.
2. You can know about rights and regulations that impact patients with disabilities and their families.
3. You can look out for known healthcare equity issues, and what is needed to address them.
4. The COVID-19 Pandemic didn't create any new disparities. It amplified and grew existing disparities.
5. You can learn more about practical tools that can support people with disabilities and their families that contribute toward health equity and advocacy.

Excellent Resource: Supported Health Care Decision-Making Resources from the UCSF Office of Developmental Primary Care, <https://odpc.ucsf.edu/advocacy/supported-health-care-decision-making>.

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 reported that the People's Committee Meeting was held prior to today's board meeting. In addition to our board members, four individuals from The ARC also attended. The committee is so pleased to have GGRC staffer Mackenzie Baysinger participating as well.

Highlights of today's Meeting included Elizabeth Grigsby's updates on the Covid vaccine, and her Wednesday Training/Advocacy Zoom sessions.

We also discussed the ARCA Academy event last Saturday, and how the People's Committee members can better understand important current issues, including diversity, inclusion, equity, disparity.

Services Committee (Audrey deChadenedes)

Board Presentation: Issues Spotlight: Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities (Abby Yim & Keira Pelletier, Integrated Community Services; Dr. Ingrid Lin and Lisa Rosene, GGRC)

Dr. Lin introduced this topic on mental healthcare services in all three counties, and how we can advocate for health equity by collaborating with different agencies to improve services and better determine needs for those served with I/DD who also suffer from mental health issues. Lisa Rosene also discussed a very successful program in San Mateo called the Puente Clinic that serves persons with both diagnoses. This clinic is in partnership with San Mateo County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS), Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC) and Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM).

Abby and Keira from Integrated Community Services also reported on the current project (in partnership with GGRC) called, “ALL IN FOR EQUITABLE CARE “ focused equitable care for persons served in Marin County with both developmental disabilities and mental health challenges. Topics included:

Marin’s Disability Profile - High unemployment, homelessness and health issues among population.

Forming the Initiative - Advocacy since 2018

Priority Population - Most are receiving GGRC services and are Medi-Cal recipients.

What We Found – A dire need for provider specialized trainings, which are lacking.

Theory of Change: Ways to Improve the System - To promote more awareness in the community

The Council + Workgroup - Partnerships with GGRC, ICS, State Council, local community clinics and others.

Next Steps - Workgroup meetings in March, April, and May, the redesigning referral process, among other strategies for improving the system.

Presentation was well received and a Q&A followed.

Board Operations Committee (Eric Zigman for David De Lira)

Recruitment

Eric reported that we continue with recruitment of four new board members. Prospective candidates Hank London and Lynn Pulliam are attending tonight’s board meeting.

ARCA Academy

The last ARCA Academy was held on March 13th, from 1:00pm - 2:30pm. The topic covered was diversity and equity. ARCA will replay the meeting on Wednesday, March 17th from 1:00pm - 2:30pm as well.

Finance Committee (Michael Bernick)

Operations

After seven months of operation, year to date expenditures are under budget by 2.8%. 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 seven months of operation, year to date expenditures are under budget by 2.4%. The current estimate is an approximate projected surplus of \$1.3 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

After seven months of operation, year to date expenditures are under budget by 1.1%. The CRDP funding is for placement costs and is expected to be fully utilized in the fiscal year.

Service Provider Advisory Committee (Abby Yim)

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

Abby reported that at today's SPAC meeting, a planning conversation was held about post-pandemic restart of non-residential programs. Providers and GGRC are strategizing about the best ways to provide services and to be even more innovative, to really think about services that best meet the needs of the people with a much more person-centered approach. They will be having another workgroup meeting next week before the general SPAC meeting, and will report back on some of the ideas that the committee is coming up with as we start to potentially re-open facilities.

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)

Committee hearings in both the Senate and Assembly are finished until after the May revise. We were very happy that ARCA's ask for increased operations funding to lower caseload ratios which was heard in both houses. She complemented Eric for his testimony for the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 Hearing (2/17/21) and encouraged all to watch it as it is posted on the Assembly's website. Eric appears at 2:42:49 in this video: <https://www.assembly.ca.gov/media/assembly-budget-subcommittee-1-health-human-services-20210217/video>

The GGRC board has written a letter to our local legislators on this issue, and the Advocats are working to set up virtual meetings about this. The first is scheduled for this Thursday, March 18, with Assemblymember Marc Levine of Marin County.

The ARCA Legislative Committee met last week and reviewed many of the hundreds of bills proposed this cycle. Most of the current bills are about, or at least seen through, the lens of either Covid or Social Justice.

The state has plenty of money because wealthy people have been doing well, so tax revenues are high, but our administration and, to a lesser extent the legislature, is reluctant to commit to too much spending because of the uncertain future.

A few of the bills that are relevant to our community:

SB-639: Addresses the sub minimum wage. Details are still being finalized on this bill, so ARCA is watching it with interest, and input.

ARCA supports:

SB-279 - Changes the definitions of medical necessity so that Medi-Cal could pay for Mental Health and substance abuse disorder assessments, screenings, and treatment. Creates a Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program.

SB-605: “Right to Repair” would require manufacturers of medical equipment to make it easier to get equipment fixed by third party repair shops.

AB-875: Expands Medi-Cal services to include utility bills if they relate to 24-hour life-sustaining equipment.

SR-14: Would make March Social Worker Month on a state level, to be in alignment with Federal declaration of March as Social Worker Month. We are connecting this month’s recognition of social workers to our letter and legislator meetings about caseload ratios.

Finally, ARCA’s virtual Grassroots Day will be on April 20th. For those interested in attending, let Audrey know if you’re interested in participating.

Executive Committee/Chairperson’s Report (Audrey deChadenedes)

No report.

Director’s Report (Eric Zigman)

GGRC COVID-19 Update on Response Activities

Eric reported that it was exactly a year ago today, on March 16 2020, that the Department of Public Health in San Francisco issued a Shelter-in-Place order, and the World Health Organization issued the Covid-19 as a global pandemic. Over the course of the entire last year we've had reports of 362 out of 10,000 people we serve having been tested positive for Covid, most with mild to moderate symptoms, and 330 staff (also reported as tested positive). The eligibility for the vaccine has been limited at this point, mostly staff working in licensed facilities, unpaid care givers and those we serve 65 years and older. In partnership with Safeway Pharmacies and San Mateo County, GGRC set up a three-day vaccine clinic at our San Mateo offices about a month ago, and yesterday, today and tomorrow they will provide second doses for those currently eligible for a total 1,026 persons vaccinated. Many GGRC and provider staff volunteered at the clinic, and Eric thanked everyone for the effort.

Finally, after a great advocacy effort statewide, all persons served by regional centers between the ages of 16-64 have become eligible (in addition to the already-eligible 65 and older group). Our provider community is also partnering with us to explore setting up smaller vaccine clinics at their day program sites. As of tomorrow, March 17, GGRC will send individualized letters to everyone we serve, to let them know they are now eligible and instructions about where they can go to sign up. The letter is signed by Eric and the Director of DDS, Nancy Bargmann.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Carpenter
Executive Administrative Assistant

Jay Katz
Secretary, Board of Directors