

AGENDA
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, May 18th, 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 April 20th, 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. Developmental Disability – Federal vs. California Definitions of Eligibility
- 6:00 pm V. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Audrey deChadenedes)
- A. Finance Committee (Michael Bernick)
i. Monthly Financial Statements
ii. Auditor Proposals
- B. People’s Caucus (Isaac Haney-Owens/Jay Katz)
- C. Services Committee (Audrey deChadenedes)
i. Board Presentation – Issues Spotlight: Eligibility, Intake and Assessment (Dr. Ingrid Lin, GGRC’s Clinical Director; Dominique Gallagher, Manager, Intake and Assessment)
- 6:35 pm D. Board Operations (David De Lira)
i. Election of prospective board member candidate (H. London)
ii. Presentation of prospective board member candidates (L. Pulliam)
iii. Presentation of recommended Slate of Officers
- 6:45 pm E. Service Provider Advisory Committee (Abigail Yim)
i. SPAC COVID Update
- 6:50 pm F. Legislative Committee/ARCA Reports (Audrey deChadenedes)
i. Legislative Update
- 6:55 pm G. Executive Committee/Chairperson’s Report (Audrey deChadenedes)
- 7:00 pm VI. DIRECTOR’S REPORT (Eric Zigman)
i. Coronavirus Update, Response and Activities
- 7:15pm VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)

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RECORD of May 18th, 2021 5:30 PM
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PRESIDING: Audrey deChadenedes

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Tracey Bullock

STAFF: Lop Hou Lisa Rosene
Ingrid Lin Jennifer Maxwell
Eric Zigman Ingrid Lin
Dominique Gallagher Amanda Pyle
Aria Alokozai

GUESTS: Jim Dycus Sheraden Nicholau
Erika Gonzales Jacy Cohen
Hank London Aparna Kommineni
Lynn Pulliam Chi Vo

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 April 20th, 2020 Meeting

The Record of Meeting of April 20th, 2021 was approved.

M/S/C (David DeLira motioned/ Alex Madrid seconded)

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PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT

Aparna Kommineni, a member of the public, requested assistance with regards to connecting with social security office and help in navigating the process. Lisa Rosene and Eric Zigman offered to connect with Aparna Kommineni again to address her questions/request.

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD), BAY AREA OFFICE
UPDATE**

Sheraden Nicholau delivered a presentation on Federal and State Definitions of Developmental Disabilities and examined why labels matter. As a label, disability holds different meaning depending on the context and can be harmful due to segregating and causing damage to people. Disabilities can be identified as sociopolitical identities and can determine who has access to services, support and system of care in support of people’s civil rights. On the other hand, while definitions are entirely different from identity, they are crucial for visibility in terms of receiving attention, awareness and being heard.

Sheraden identified general similarities and differences in the definition of intellectual and development disability in frames of two civil rights legislations: namely, [The Unites States’ Developmental Disability Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000](#), and [California’s Lanterman Developmental Disability Act](#).

The Federal Definition of Development Disability and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act) defines DD in public Law 106-402 (106th Congress) as chronic and severe disability of an individual with regards to mental and physical impairment or combination of both impairments manifested before age of 22 and likely to continue indefinitely. Individuals from birth to age 9, who display substantial developmental delay, or acquired or specific congenital condition, may be considered to have DD under [The United States’ Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Act](#).

California’s definition of developmental disabilities defines DD as a disability that “originates before an individual attains 18 years of age, continues, or can be expected to continue, indefinitely, and constitutes a substantial disability for that individual.” This includes cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy and intellectual disability.

Sheraden also highlighted that definitions change over time either due to additional research findings or societal trends. These changes can either include people or exclude people from an eligibility group for services, system of care, support, or protection.

Presentation was well received and Q&A followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Audrey deChandenedes)

Finance Committee (Michael Bernick)

Monthly Financial Statements

After nine months of operation, expenditures are under budget by 7.2%. All operation funds yet to be fully allocated by next month and fully spent by the end of fiscal year. \$35 million has been renewed for line of credit for four months (June to Sept) in case the budget is not passed in time.

Purchase of Services (POS) Excluding CPP

After nine months of operation, year to date expenditure are under budget by 2.3%. The current estimate is an approximate projected surplus of \$7.1 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 Developmental 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 yet allocated for acquisition of two additional Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes (EBSH).

Auditor Proposal

In accordance with DDS contract, new CPA auditors from San Francisco firm have been engaged for GGRC Financial Auditing beginning the end of current fiscal year ending on June 30, 2021.

People's Caucus (Isaac Haney-Owens/Jay Katz)

The People's Committee was held prior to the Board Meeting. Today's "People's" was dominated by a much appreciated presentation by Imani Pardue Bishop, GGRC's Cultural Diversity Specialist. The focus was on Disparity and Cultural factors that are so impacting both nationally and regionally. Some of the Agenda Issues in the upcoming Board Meeting were also reviewed.

Services Committee

Board Presentation – Issue Spotlight: (Eligibility, Intake and Assessment, Dominique Gallagher)

Dominique Gallagher delivered a presentation on referral and intake process including the following steps for Early Start (ES) program:

- Referral can be made by contacting our office (For ES, a referral can be made by anyone to refer infants and toddlers age 0 to end of 2nd year) and an Intake Specialist completes the intake screening.
- Upon receipt of a completed referral, the case is assigned a GGRC Social Worker who will contact the family to set up an assessment and send informational packet to be completed by the family prior to the initial home visit(45 days to determine eligibility).
- Developmental Delay is the criteria for Eligibility; a developmental delay exists if there is a delay of 33% or more in the areas of cognitive, physical, communication, social or emotional and adaptive, and infants and toddlers who have an established risk condition or high risk and requires intervention services.

- A developmental delay shall not be determined based on temporary physical disability, culture economic factors, the normal process of second language acquisition or manifestation, or dialect and socio-linguistic variance.
- When the child is around 2 years 6 months, the family is assisted in transitioning process and, is referred to school district and their plan may include community resources. At age 3, a child may be assessed for RC ongoing services through Lanterman Act to receive services.

Ms. Gallagher also highlighted Referral and Intake for ongoing services - Lanterman

- According to Lanterman Legislation, a person is eligible for RC services if they have a disability which meets all of the following criteria: disabilities due to Intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Autism, conditions found to be closely related to intellectual disability or require treatment similar to that required for individual with ID and,
- The disability originates prior to the age of 18, is likely to continue indefinitely, and constitutes a “substantial disability” for the individual
- Upon receipt of a referral, the case is assigned to an Assessment Social Worker to set up a home visit within 15 business days.
- The applicant will be assessed by a team of GGRC staff consisting of a Physician, Psychologist and Assessment Social Worker to make the eligibility decision. Eligibility must be completed within 120 days.

Presentation was well received and Q&A followed.

Board Operations Committee (David DeLira)

Election of prospective Board Member Candidate (Hank London)

A motion was requested to elect for Hank London;
Tiger Yorke motioned/Audrey deChadenedes seconded. The board voted unanimously to elect him and he was welcomed aboard as a new GGRC Board Member.

Presentation of Prospective Board Member candidate (Lynn Pulliam)

Based on the committee selection and recommendation, David DeLira presented Lynn Pulliam to the board as the potential new GGRC Board Member. Lynn Pulliam is a parent of a person served by Golden Gate regional center, and comes with over 30 years of experience in Medical profession including Neuroscience research on cognitive impairment. She is currently the Director of Microbiology/Professor of Laboratory Medicine at SFVA Health care center, University of California San Francisco. Lynn’s medical background and personal experience along with her desire to connect individuals to the community aligns with the goals and visions of GGRC. As per GGRC’s bylaws, the board will consider her candidacy at the June Board Meeting.

Presentation of Recommended Slate of Officers

In the next meeting or soon after the meeting on June 15, 2021, the board members will elect Board of Directors by voting on the Slate of Officer's form. The Slate of Officers form indicates Board Operations Committee recommendations for Officers and ARCA Representative for FY 2021-2022.

Recommended Slate:

Chairperson	Audrey DeChadenedes
Vice-Chairperson	Edith Arias
Secretary	Alex Madrid
Treasurer	Michael Bernick
ARAC Delegate	Audrey DeChadenedes

The official Slate of Officers Ballot will be distributed to board members just before the June Meeting, where the election will be held.

Service Provider Advisory Committee

Abby Yim mentioned that the SPAC meeting was held today May 18, 2021. SPAC group has been meeting every week for the past year and three months since the pandemic started. The SPAC meeting structure has changed and the meetings will now be held every other week. In the off weeks where GGRC is not present, the time will be used for collaborative work to discuss any trainings or work that SPAC will be completing. GGRC was appreciated for attending the meetings and sharing information in the SPAC weekly meetings.

Q&A followed.

Legislative Committee/ARCA Report

Legislative Update

Governor Newsom's May revised budget was announced on May 14th; the new budget contains many positive features and reflect awareness regarding the need to increase funding into our system. The budget includes eliminating the suspension provision for the provider supplemental rates and the Uniform Holiday schedule (an area GGRC has been advocating for), Enhancing emergency readiness, strengthening the direct service provider workforce by providing opportunities for trainings and certification leading to higher pay. The need for increase funding to reduce caseload ratios (another significant area GGRC is advocating for) was acknowledged but deferred till FY 2022-23. The Senate will be holding in the next few weeks and there is still chance for any input. Sub 1, the assembly, met yesterday, May 17th, 2021 and Sonja Petek from the Legislative Analyst Office spoke on our system's behalf. Our advocacy group will continue to reach to our local law makers during this time.

Executive Committee/Chairperson ARCA Report (Audrey deChadenedes)

Audrey DeChadenedes mentioned that the agenda for tonight has been created in, and approved by, Executive Committee.

Director's Report (Eric Zigman)

GGRC COVID-19 Update on Response Activities

Eric Zigman reported that COVID positive reports of people served by GGRC are very low now; so far, only 2 or 3 reports have been received during the months of April and May. This is in comparison to 30 reports per month on average during the entire pandemic period at GGRC. Efforts are being made towards documenting vaccination by much appreciated social workers from the individual who are open to share their status. We continue to promote vaccine opportunities with Stanford and all three county public health departments.

Our Senior Management at GGRC continues discussion around gradually reintegrating different groups of staff into offices starting June, July and August. Input has been collected from staff with regards to reintegration plan, in person and remote work in breakout sessions of GGRC's All Staff meeting (conducted over Zoom). GGRC may not be open for general public until end of summer or early fall 2021.

The Executive Committee will meet this summer to decide next year's meeting schedule. There is possibility that the Board decide on having hybrid of in-person and online meeting sessions.

There is a possibility that the American Rescue Plan, an effort by Federal government, may contribute around \$600 Million as one-time extra funding for our system. Proposals are due from states to the federal government by June 12th, 2021. This is a big opportunity to fund important projects for those we serve.

The Governor's May Revision of the budget contains much laudable public policy proposals and some (sometimes overly modest) investments in our underfunded system. In the context of a \$76 Billion dollar state budget surplus, some of these investments seem woefully small. After 15 years of very challenging "austerity" funding (especially in high cost areas like ours), we feel California can do better. In particular the lack of support by the administration for a new provider rate setting methodology (based on local costs of providing services) seems glaring. In addition, though we appreciate the long-overdue recognition that caseload ratios of regional center social workers must be reduced, the proposal to wait yet another fiscal year to do so is deeply disappointing. We can do better than that and the letter and spirit of the Lanterman Act demand these investments be made now.

Other, specific updates and greater investments regarding funding for FY 2021-22 in the May Revise include:

- COVID-19 Response fund, START Teams, employment grant, performance incentive: funds that support the commitment to reduce caseload ratios, and bilingual differential for direct services professional.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aria Alokozai
Interim Executive Assistant/Clinical Scheduler

Jay Katz,
Board Secretary