

AGENDA (DRAFT)
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, October 20, 2020- 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 September 22, 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: Action and Advocacy YOU Can Take for Safety and Service from Law Enforcement
- 6:05 pm V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- A. People’s Caucus (Isaac Haney-Owens/Jay Katz)
- B. Services Committee (Audrey deChadenedes)
- 6:10 pm C. Board Operations (David De Lira)
- i. Recruitment
- ii. ARCA Academy
- 6:20 pm D. Finance Committee (Michael Bernick)
- i. Monthly Financial Statements
- 6:30 pm E. Service Provider Advisory Committee (Abigail Yim)
- i. SPAC meeting update/ COVID-19 Response Activities of GGRC’s Provider Community
- 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. Issue Spotlight: GGRC’s Strategic Plan – Year Two Results.
- ii. GGRC Update on COVID-19 Response Activities
- 7:15 pm VII. Adjourn Meeting to Executive Session, if necessary (Audrey deChadenedes)

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Golden Gate Regional Center

Supporting Lives of Liberty and Opportunity

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
RECORD of October 20, 2020 5:30 PM
1355 Market St. Ste. 220
San Francisco, CA 94103
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING

PRESIDING: Audrey deChadenedes

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Kathryn Carpenter Amanda Pyle
Lop Hou Lisa Rosene
Ingrid Lin Eric Zigman
Jennifer Maxwell

GUESTS: Breanne Burris Pam Raymond
Sue Digre Carl Yorke
Maxine Milam
Sheraden Nicholau

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 September 22, 2020 Meeting

The agenda for tonight's meeting and the Record of Meeting of September 22, 2020 were approved as submitted.

M/S/C: (Nini Aye motioned/Tiger Yorke seconded).

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PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT

Tracey reported that a long term advocate and personal friend passed away in a tragic accidental fire in the family home. Fedra Almaliti, VP of the Autism Society/San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, along with her son Mohammed Almaliti, died in their home in Fremont on September 26. Fedra was a remarkable woman and a champion of the Autism community. She was a key promoter of SB946, which secured funds for behavioral services for those in need. Since the incident, proposed trainings were discussed among the community to make sure families have an emergency preparedness plan, involving the collaboration of regional centers, vendors and other stakeholders in order to prevent these tragedies. The Society paid tribute to the Almaliti family, which is posted on the Autism Society Bay Area Chapter website.

Carl Yorke, a parent served by GGRC, requested that when communicating at board meetings, presenters and others use a plain language format, emphasizing that is important to try as much as possible to refrain from using acronyms and other language that is less cognitively accessible to the people we serve.

Eric reported that the GGRC will be holding its annual Performance Contract Public Stakeholder meeting for calendar years 2019 and 2020. The meeting takes place Friday, November 13, from 10:30am - 12:30pm via Zoom.

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD), BAY AREA OFFICE UPDATE (Sheraden Nicholau) Advocacy Top 5: Action and Advocacy YOU Can Take for Safety and Service from Law Enforcement

Sheraden gave a presentation on Action and Advocacy, and how stakeholders in the community can have an impact on educating Law Enforcement in terms of how to deescalate potential situations involving persons with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities (IDD). Sheraden cited some alarming statistics that were recently conducted by both DOJ and DOE. In a recent survey of law enforcement officers, they found that only 30% of them actually felt that they could identify someone with a developmental disability. People with IDD have a 4-10 times higher risk of becoming victims of crime compared to those without disabilities.

The top five measures the community can take to promote safety and service from Law Enforcement include:

1. Learning how and why people with disabilities are overrepresented in the criminal justice system, as victims and as people charged or convicted of a crime. We can become advocates in our community.
2. Training of how to approach or communicate with law enforcement for safer interactions. We can learn about and promote the training that law enforcement receives on how to work with people with IDD and other disabilities.
3. Speaking up for safer, more informed service to people with IDD and other disabilities at City Council meetings, Board of Supervisor meetings, Police Commission meetings in your area.

4. Getting to know local law enforcement agencies to ensure they know about you and your loved ones' communication, safety and service needs. Don't wait for an emergency to happen.
5. Advocating for more funding for programs that ensure the right professionals show up for different types of emergencies.

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 they just had the People's Committee meeting prior to this meeting, and that the committee is working on new topics for discussion. Isaac reported that Elizabeth Grigsby, GGRC's Rights Advocate, gave a presentation on the importance of relationships, including romantic relationships. Jay welcomed Jacque Lawton, GGRC's Community Engagement Specialist, to the committee as their new primary staff support, as Kate Russell will be leaving GGRC at the end of October.

Services Committee (Audrey deChadenedes)

Audrey reported that she attended the October Services Committee meeting and that Lisa Rosene gave an update on POS guidelines. The committee also received a request from Alex that they do a presentation on emergency preparedness. The committee embraced this idea, and the presentation is being planned for February.

Board Operations Committee (David De Lira)

Recruitment

David reported that we continue to recruit two board members, and encouraged all to contact him if they know of anyone interested in becoming a member.

ARCA Academy

The ARCA Academy will take place this year via Zoom on November 14, the 2nd Saturday of the month from 1:00pm –2:30pm. The topic for the first meeting will be "Boards in the Community". Eric will be sending out the Zoom information when received from ARCA.

Finance Committee (Lop Hou for Michael Bernick)

Operations

After two months of operation, year to date expenditures are under budget by 1.3%. 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 two months of operation, year to date expenditures are under budget by 1.2%. The initial current estimate is an approximate projected surplus of \$12.8 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 Sheraden gave her Law Enforcement presentation to SPAC earlier today. Based on the importance of the issue, the committee would like to work with the board on specific training topics discussed in the presentation, and to establish a subcommittee that will work with Law Enforcement in order to build better relationships among the people we serve. SPAC is putting together a work plan, including tool kits for the trainings.

Abby also reported that SPAC continues with weekly COVID Zoom conferencing every Tuesday, and that attendance continues to grow. SPAC continues to receive directives from DDS with regard to transitional changes that are happening. These weekly meetings will continue at least until the end of November.

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 Update

GGRC has been hearing from Sacramento that we can be a little less worried about FY 2021-22, as indications are that funding for our system will remain status quo (and allow for growth). This is not carved in stone, however, and things could change. Federal funding, or lack of it, could affect us.

The regional centers' stakeholders best insurance is to be sure to vote. Election Day is in two weeks; we have chance to make a difference.

The ARCA Board of Directors met on October 16th. They went over the current strategic plan, and talked about the ARCA Academy, which will begin in November, taking place on the second Saturday of the month. The first meeting will occur November 14th, from 1:00pm - 2:30pm, and the focus of the first meeting will be Boards in the Community. Among others, Audrey will give a short presentation on the Advocats.

Executive Committee/Chairperson's Report (Audrey deChadenedes)

Audrey reported that the Executive Committee discussed changing committee times, and they are also making plans to meet later on this month to discuss the executive director evaluation.

Director's Report (Eric Zigman)

Issue Spotlight: GGRC's Strategic Plan – Year Two Results

Eric gave an updated report on the GGRC Strategic Plan goals for FY 2019/20, which covers July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This report covers the second year of the plan. GGRC continues to work on achieving the 4 goals listed below, and Eric discussed the successes GGRC has achieved in the first three years of the plan and the challenges we have faced.

Goal #1: Community Living

- Housing
- Living Support Services

Goal #2: Community Education and Engagement

- Moving the “Work” into the Community
- For Example, First Responders, Families & Individuals
- For Example, County Mental Health Services

Goal #3: Investing in Staff

- For GGRC Staff
- For Staff in Provider Agencies

Goal #4: Organizational Agility & Impact

- Respond Swiftly and Effectively to Sudden Changes
- Respond to “Customers” Efficiently and Effectively

Next Steps: Eric encouraged all board members to discuss what happens at the end of this plan, which will be in June 2021. Audrey recommended that the board review this report on the second year of the strategic plan, and in January, the feedback will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. At that time, they will decide whether to extend and/or modify the plan, or come up with a new plan.

GGRC COVID-19 Update on Response Activities

Eric believes that the new proposed Alternative Services Model for nonresidential services could be a segue into a more flexible and responsive service delivery system in the future, which may be beneficial to the individuals we serve and support.

We continue to work closely with the State Council for local PPE distribution to individuals, families and provider organizations. Eric thanked all those involved with successful distribution to those in need within our community.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Carpenter
Executive Administrative Assistant

Jay Katz
Secretary, Board of Directors