Golden Gate Regional Center

Supporting Lives of Liberty and Opportunity

RECORD of June 16th, 2026, 5:30 PM

PRESIDING:	Jacy Cohen	
DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Brindicy Alcaraz David DeLira Gita Gupta Kate O'Connor Sharon Jones	Lynn Pulliam Marianna Abballo Marta Guzman Michael Bernick
DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Jane Diaz	
STAFF:	Eric Zigman Brenda Gonzales Jayashree Nathaniel Lisa Rosene Aria Alokozai	Melissa Wu Jessica Jorquera Sean Galvin Steven Anderson-Ashby Lop Hou
GUESTS:	Chris Aguire Karen Pace Jennifer Carper Alan Fox Greg Gonzales Vlad Mysla Maria Banderas Edith Arias	Oscar Arteta (Spanish Interpreter) Calene Carrano (ASL Interpreter) Corinna Cozart (ASL Interpreter) Christina Magiary (ASL Student Interpreter)

CALL TO ORDER

Jacy Cohen called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Spanish interpreter zoom room was set up. Instructions regarding Spanish Language and American Sign Language interpretations were provided. Welcoming remarks and introductions followed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION A. Agenda

The agenda for today's meeting was approved, and a typographical error regarding the date was corrected

M/S/C *(David DeLira motioned / Kate O'Connor seconded)*

ACTION B. Record of May 19th, 2026, Meeting
The Record of May 19th, 2026, meeting was approved.
***M/S/C** (Lynn Pulliam motioned/ Marta Guzman seconded)*
The correction was made by Kate O'Connor; On page 6, it is mentioned that SPAC meeting starts at noon, but in fact the SPAC meeting starts at 11 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Jones shared that she delivered a presentation symposium by La Tusa on Friendship in the Pomeroy center in early June. Sharon expressed her enthusiasm and excitement to deliver such presentation again in the future. Sharon also attended the DisCo (Disability Coalition) at the Capitol this month.

Lisa Rosene announced that this is her last Board meeting before she retires from GGRC as the Director of Regional Center Services next month. She honored the Board members and their services to the community. Board members expressed their great appreciation of Lisa.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee (Michael Bernick)

A. Monthly Financial Statement: [Financial Status as of April 30, 2026]

Michael Bernick shared the following financial report:

Operations:
After nine months of operations, year-to-date expenditures are under budget by 11.8%. All operations funds are expected to be fully expensed for the fiscal year over the normal course of operations.

Purchase of Services (POS) Excluding CRDP:
After nine months of operations, year-to-date expenditures are under budget by 6.5%. The estimated surplus is projected to be approximately $23 million for this fiscal year.

Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) Funding:
Placement funds and Start-Up funds have been approved but have yet to be allocated. These are expected to be allocated in subsequent budget allocations and fully expensed.

Board Approval of CPP/CRDP Contracts
Each year, we request startup funding from the Department of Developmental Services to address unmet needs and develop or expand services. This year, we received $1.65 million in funding, informed in part by community input from a survey of about 1,000 people.
The following four contracts are part of that funding and went through our standard Request for Proposals and review process. These contracts will help expand housing and specialized housing services in our community.

Board approval is required, due to each contract exceeding $250,000. The Finance Committee reviewed all four and recommended them for approval of the full Board.

ACTION 2526-2 $250,000 to Huertas Manor
Start-up funds for the development of a Specialized Residential Facility. Kate O'Connor made a motion to approve 2526-2 $250,000 to Huertas Manor and David DeLira seconded. Board members unanimously voted to approve this contract. There was no further discussion.
M/S/C *(Kate/O'Connor/ David DeLira Seconded)*

ACTION 2526-4 $300,000 Ndomo & Koglo
Start-up funds for the development of a residential Enhanced Behavioral Supports Home. Lynn Pulliam made a motion to approve the $300,000 Ndomo & Koglo contract and Gita Gupta seconded. Board members unanimously voted to approve this contract. There was no further discussion.
M/S/C *(Lynn Pulliam/ Gita Gupta Seconded)*

ACTION 2526-7 $450,000 Brilliant Corners
Start-up funds for the Renovation of Residential Care Facilities to serve individuals with memory care and complex behavioral support needs. Eric shared background on Brilliant Corners and how it started. David DeLira made a motion to approve $450,000 with Brilliant Corners, Mariana Abballo seconded the motion. Board members unanimously voted to approve this contract. There was no further discussion.
M/S/C *(David Delira/ Mariana Abballo Seconded)*

ACTION *2526-9* $250 000 Noah's Care Home
Start-up funds for the development of services in a Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) to serve individuals with memory care issues and complex behavioral support needs Brindicy Alcaraz made a motion to approve $250,000 for Noah's Care Home, and Sharon Jones seconded. All Board members unanimously voted to approve this contract. There was no further discussion.
M/S/C *(Brindicy Alcaraz / Sharon Jones Seconded)*

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
UPDATE ON SCDD ACTIVITIES

Greg Gonzalez, SCDD Bay Area Regional Office Manager, provided updates and information regarding upcoming events, training sessions, and available opportunities, including the following:

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING
Hosted By SCDD and Project Self-Advocates For Emergency Education (S.A.F.E.E.)

Project SAFEE, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and the California Statewide Self-Advocacy Chat invite self-advocates, family members, and support staff to an Active Shooter Training.

We will cover the following topics:
- What is an active shooter?
- The active shooter environment.

- Acting safely.
- Communicating with law enforcement.
- Safety tips and resources.

When: Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 2:00 PM
Meeting Link
Meeting ID: 861 7010 7907
Passcode: 985198

Flyer

Questions? Call Riana Hardin at (916) 263-7919 or email **Riana.Hardin@scdd.ca.gov**

SCDD NORTH BAY OFFICE AND RELATIONSHIPS DECODED PRESENT RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Relationships Decoded is a curriculum designed to teach people with developmental disabilities how to develop healthy and safe relationships while also giving them information about sexual abuse and coercion.

This two part series is given by Dr. Katie Pedgrift, on navigating relationships for middle schoolers to young adults with Intellectual, Developmental, Disabilities (IDD).

Part I: Open to the public.
When: Monday, July 6, 2026, 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM.
Register

Part 2: For teachers, providers, and professionals for curriculum guidance.
When: Monday, July 27, 2026, 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM.
Register

Questions? Contact Kenya Martinez at **kenya.martinez@scdd.ca.gov**.

For more information visit **relationshipsdecoded.com**

DISABILITY & TRANS/QUEER PRIDE
Hosted by the Center for Independent Living (CIL)

Join the CIL for an afternoon of performances, connection, storytelling, art, music, and accessible community gathering.

CIL's Disability & Trans/Queer Pride event celebrates disability justice, creativity, and transgender and queer communities through live performances, music, art, storytelling, and collective care.

This accessible community gathering brings together disabled LGBTQ+ community members, artists, advocates, allies, and local organizations for an afternoon centered on visibility, connection, joy, and self-expression.

When: Saturday, July 11, 2026, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Location: Center for Independent Living, 3075 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA
RSVP

If you have accessibility questions or accommodation requests, please contact Shelby Bertolozzi at **shelbyb@thecil.org**

7TH ANNUAL INCLUSION FESTIVAL
Presented by the San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities

You are invited to join this festival celebrating Disability Pride Month. This will be a day of community, celebration, and inclusion.

There will be music by Southside Lemon Thieves, resources & interactive booths, and food available for purchase. Bring your reusable bottle. Water refill will be available.

When: Thursday, July 16, 2026, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Location: 500 County Center, Redwood City, CA

7th Annual Inclusion Festival
July 16, 10:00a – 1:00p
500 County Center, Redwood City

COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

B. Legislative Committee (Kate O'Connor)
Kate O'Connor shared that the committee had a meeting on June 3rd and discussed the following points.

a) AB-2324 Vocational education: youth caregivers are moving along. Clearing the pathway for folks to pursue caregiving as a profession. The assembly passed the bill and went over to the Senate to the education committee.
b) AB-1670 Medi-Cal: dental care, this bill unfortunately remained in the appropriation and will not move forward this year.
c) SCR-174 The 60th anniversary of pilot regional centers – the celebration happened on the senate floor with GGRC and Lanterman Regional Center being represented. The resolution is now in the assembly and expected to pass.
d) SB-1052 State Council on Developmental Disabilities: Appointing Authorized Representatives – this bill unfortunately did not pass and died in committee.

Eric shared the following points:

- May Revise and Trailer Bill Update – there are about three bills in place holder language that will going to July 1st. DDS Board governance and composition has been widely discussed in the trailer bill. Discussion will continue until July or August.

- The proposed, unified Legislative budget is on the governor's desk for approval.

- The board wrote a letter based on our dental coordinator's recommendation and requested not to stop funding medical dental funding prop 56 – this was passed with a one-year delay in ending, so good to continue until July 1, 2027.

ARCA Update (Marta Guzman)

Marta Guzman shared the following ARCA updates:

- Annual ARCA meeting is coming up on June 25th
- ARCA sent out information that DDS has their quarterly webinar on the quality incentive program
- On June 3rd, there was a trailer bill language meeting and discussion around remote service and Board composition.

Services Committee (David DeLira)

Services Committee Meeting update

There were two series of the *Future is Now* classes with the ARC of California, one last fall, and one this last Spring - each six weekly zoom sessions with digital and printed materials provided in Cantonese. The gatherings have consistently been between 12-30 people, which lent more time for group discussion and interpretation. The Arc shared with us that this course truly served as a discussion forum and community building platform for the Cantonese speaking parent community, and that this is the level of engagement and discussion they do not typically see. They also said that the Cantonese written course materials could also accommodate Mandarin speakers, so that was another benefit of this collaboration as well.

Jacy recognized the Services Committee, the Arc of California, Amanda Pyle and her team for establishing *Future is Now* classes. Jacy received much positive feedback regarding these classes.

Board Operations (Lynn Pulliam)

Re- Election of Current GGRC Board Members for One-Year-Term
As per the bylaws, Jacy asked for motion to approve each following current Board members for a one-year Term for fiscal year 2026-2027. The board unanimously voted to approve the re-election of each current board member. There was no further discussion.

Jacy Cohen
M/S/C (Kate O'Connor motioned/ David Delira seconded)

David DiLra
M/S/C (Jacy Cohen motioned/ Gita Gupta seconded)

Gita Gupta
M/S/C (David DeLira motioned/ Jane Diaz seconded)

Michael Bernick
M/S/C (Marta Guzman motioned/ Gita Gupta seconded)

Lynn Pulliam
M/S/C (Kate O'Connor motioned/ Brindicy Alcaraz seconded)

Kate O'Connor
M/S/C (Marta Guzman motioned/ Mariana Abballo seconded)

Marta Guzman
M/S/C (Jacy Cohen motioned/ Kate O'Connor seconded)

Brindicy Alcaraz
M/S/C (David DeLira motioned/ Mariana Abballo seconded)

Sharon Jones
M/S/C (David DeLira motioned/ Gita Gupta seconded)

Jane Diaz
M/S/C (Jacy Cohen motioned/ Gita Gupta seconded)

Mariana Abballo
M/S/C (Jacy Cohen motioned/ David Delira seconded)

As per GGRC Bylaws, the re-election for Board Member and the election of Board Officers and the ARCA Delegate for one-year terms took place at the meeting. The Operations Committee provided recommendations of Officers and the ARCA Delegate prior to May's Board Meeting, as specified in the bylaws. Nine out of eleven Board members voted for the following Board Officers Candidates. Lynn announced the result of the re-election and welcomed the new Board Officers.

Chairperson – Jacy Cohen
Vice-Chairperson – David DeLira
Secretary – Gita Gupta
Treasurer – Michael Bernick
ARCA Delegate – Marta Guzman

Recruitment update
There is a potential candidate for the Board who will be put forward next month. Currently, interviews and informal meetings are being conducted with prospective Board members in addition to their attendance as members of the public at GGRC Board Meetings.

Service Provider Advisory Committee (Kate O'Connor)

Kate O'Connor shared the following SPAC updates:

The committee meets twice a month, with the goal of keeping service providers engaged and informed about our budgets, plans, and upcoming changes.
We're excited about the new roommate-matching platform for supported living that is being developed by GGRC, and the special incident form is also being updated to create a more consistent process.

We also discussed increasing provider engagement through word-of-mouth and encouraging vendors to sign up for our email updates. Our mailing list has decreased from around 240 to approximately 170–180 due to outdated addresses, so we're looking at ways to improve communication.

GGRC's new website will provide an opportunity to create more targeted communication for different stakeholder groups, including our large network of service providers. We also discussed increasing Regional Center participation in SDP meetings so providers can get questions answered or be directed to the appropriate resources.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

GGRC Proposed Performance Contract Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Eric shared the following points:

- 2026-27 Performance Contract – how the state assesses our service to our communities, our efforts to meet (and exceed) those standards, our efforts to ensure empower and provide equitable access, and our efforts to best meet our communities' needs.
- Three different types of Performance Measures: Policy metrics, compliance metrics and incentive metrics.
- Community integration: GGRC's goal is to ensure people/families have information on all living options and are supported to live full and independent lives of their choosing.
    - **Selected GGRC Activities:**
        - Working to retain housing availability for homes that may otherwise be lost to people served.
        - Partnering with the ARC on long-term planning for individuals/families speaking primarily Cantonese.
        - Increasing awareness of personal choice in home settings through use of Lanterman and Friends comic books and calendars.
- Early Start: GGRC's Goal is to improve performance on all Early Start/Transition timelines.
    - **Selected GGRC Activities**
        - GGRC will assess current Early Start Providers for referral capacity and actively recruit new vendors.
        - GGRC is piloting two (2) ages 3-5 caseloads to evaluate the specific needs of this age group and ensure our ability to best meet their needs.
        - Analyzing caseload ratios, utilizing technology and findings from internal assessments.
- Employment: GGRC's Goal is to ensure all individuals ages 16+ are aware of all employment options, are supported to pursue the employment of their choosing, and are honored as valued, competitive employees.
    - **Selected GGRC Activities**
        - Culturally specific outreach to Spanish-speaking and Chinese-speaking communities to build employment partnerships/create opportunities.
        - Outreach to Marin County community partners to create new employment opportunities.
        - Hosting Employment Summits focused on Competitive Employment and Paid Internship Program.

        - Outreach to Americas Job Centers of California and other workforce boards to improve employment pathways.
- Equity and Cultural Competence: GGRC's Goal is to ensure all individuals/families served have equal access to information and services/ supports and are welcomed by GGRC.
    - **Selected GGRC Activities**
        - Assessing effectiveness of POS expenditure meetings to ensure meetings are accessible and engage diverse communities.
        - Monthly review of language and translation needs of individuals/families served to inform vendor recruitment.
        - Piloting ASL on-demand, as well as exploring ASL explainer videos.
        - Hosting Autism symposium with multilingual workshops and resources.
        - Creating Cerebral Palsy peer support group.
- Innovation in Service Availability, Delivery and Technology: GGRC's Goal is to use technology to improve access to information and services.
    - **Selected GGRC Activities**
        - WCAG 2.2 website accessibility requirements will be met by June 2026, exceeding DDS requirements.
        - GGRC will assess availability of various ASL on-demand translation resources and ASL plug-ins for the website.
        - GGRC continues to focus on "Resources" section of the website for additional language access with live text that allows for the language plug-in to translate more content.
- Individual/Family Experience and Satisfaction: GGRC's Goal is to ensure all individuals/families served have equal access to information and services/ supports and are welcomed by GGRC.
    - **Selected GGRC Activities**
        - GGRC is implementing POS process changes to contribute to decreased wait time in services.
        - GGRC continues to train service coordination and new staff across all functions on practices that best serve individuals/families.
        - GGRC is increasing PCT training for staff and continues to focus on person-centered approaches in IPP and IFSP meetings to best engage and honor people/families served, helping ensure goals are addressed and services identified.
- Person Centered Planning: GGRC's Goal is to continue to meet (and exceed) State standards by increasing internal PCT capacity and embedding practices throughout GGRC's culture and practices.
    - **Selected GGRC Activities**
        - GGRC exceeds performance on this measure and will add three new certified PCT trainers this coming year.
        - Offering four (4) internal PCT training courses to staff in the coming fiscal year.
        - Creating a "subscription box" service for all residential homes, mailing HCBS comic book materials on a monthly basis and sending calendars to residential providers.
        - Expand informational opportunities to individuals/families through conferences and information sessions for individuals/families, providers, and staff, as well as develop associated resources and tools.

- Service Coordination and Regional Center Operations: GGRC's Goal is to continue to maintain and improve (where applicable) compliance with all functions of regional center operations.
    - **Selected GGRC Activities**
        - Service Coordinator growth and development – compensation, training, workload balance.
        - Intentional Management Team development – skill building, cultural alignment, leadership focus.
        - Improving Organizational efficiency – consistency, efficient internal processes, leveraging technology.
        - Empowering Individual/Family Advocates – supporting advocacy at all levels, expanding communication, outreach across language diversity.

ACTION – Approval of GGRC Proposed Performance Contract Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Jacy asked for motion to approve GGRC Proposed Performance Contract, Lynn Pulliam made a motion and Brindicy Alcaraz seconded. All Board members unanimously voted to approve to carry the motion. There was no further discussion.

M/S/C (Lynn Pulliam motioned/Brindicy Alcaraz Seconded)

Jacy Cohen thanked all Board members and adjourned the public Board meeting at 7:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Aria Alokozai
Executive Assistant