

**GOLDEN GATE REGIONAL  
CENTER BOARD of DIRECTORS  
MEETING  
Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5:30 PM**

**Via Zoom Video Conference (see below)  
and  
In-Person at GGRC, 1355 Market Street, Suite 220, San Francisco, CA  
94103**

- 5:30 pm **I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS** (Jacy Cohen)
- ACTION** **II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** (Jacy Cohen)
- ACTION** A. Agenda
- B. Record of May 21st, 2024 Meeting
- 5:40 pm **III. PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Jacy Cohen)
- A. Potential Board Retreat Dates (8/17 or 8/24)
- 5:45 pm **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- A. Finance Committee (Michael Bernick)
1. Monthly Financial Statement
- V. State Council on Developmental Disabilities – Update on SCDD  
Activities**
- 5:50 pm **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)**
- C. Services Committee (David DeLira)
1. Update on Future is Now Class Series
2. Update on Listening Sessions for Persons Served
3. Statewide IPP Template Development
- ACTION** 4. Revisions of Purchase of Services Guidelines
- ACTION** D. Board Operations (Lynn Pulliam)
- ACTION** 1. Board Member Re-Elections
2. Officer and ARCA Delegate Elections
- E. Service Provider Advisory Committee

F. Legislative Committee/ARCA Update (Edith Arias)

1. CA Budget – Joint Legislative Rejection of Governor’s Proposed Delay
2. Master Plan on Developmental Services – June 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting Update
3. Three Bills – AB2002 (Blue Envelope), AB2423 (Rate Model Updates) & AB3291(HS Committee Bill on Early Start, Homeless Rent Subsidy and Future Planning)

6:50 pm **VII. DIRECTOR’S REPORT** (Eric Zigman)

1. The Growth of GGRC & The System

7:15 pm **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION** (if necessary)

**You must RSVP to attend in-person or to receive the Zoom meeting information. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Aria Alokzai at [aalokzai@ggrc.org](mailto:aalokzai@ggrc.org), or call 415-832-5792.**



# Golden Gate Regional Center<sup>5</sup>

*Supporting Lives of Liberty and Opportunity*

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**VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING**

PRESIDING: Jacy Cohen

DIRECTORS	David DeLira	Lynn Pulliam
PRESENT:	Michael LoBue	Michael Bernick
	Kate O'Connor	Sharon Jones
	Shirley Poitier	Tracy Bullock
	Brindicy Alcaraz	Edith Arias
	JJ Khin	Marta Guzman

DIRECTORS  
 ABSENT:

STAFF:	Eric Zigman	Amanda Pyle
	Brenda Gonzales	Skyler Spencer
	Jennila Worrell	Lisa Rosene
	Frances Biderman	

GUESTS:	Chris Aguire	Oscar Arteta
	Sheraden Nicholau	Dr. Clarisa Kripke-
	Rachel Kripke-	Ludwig
	Ludwig	Alida Fisher
	Robin Babb	Claudia Alvis
	Jenica Hadley	

CALL TO ORDER (Jacy Cohen)

Ms. Cohen called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Welcoming remarks and introductions followed. Mr. Zigman reminded everyone that this would be the last board meeting until September 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Jacy Cohen)

**ACTION A. Agenda**

*The agenda for today's meeting was approved.*  
*M/S/C (David DeLira motioned / Lynn Pulliam seconded)*

**ACTION B. Record of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, Meeting**

*Lynn Pulliam notified the Board that she had identified grammatical errors in the draft minutes and provided a copy of the corrections to Ms. Worrell for implementation. The Record of Meeting for May 21, 2024, was approved incorporating these corrections*  
*M/S/C (Kate O'Connor motioned/ Lynn Pulliam seconded)*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT**

Alida Fisher informed the Board regarding the Community Alliance for Special Education (CASE) organization and its contributions to the community. CASE offers complimentary consultations, direct advocacy services, and extensive training opportunities at no cost to community members. In August, two workshop series will be held in San Francisco focusing on Individualized Program Plans (IPPs), which will include topics such as psychoeducational evaluations, SMART goals, and IPP rights. Childcare will be available during these events.

Jacy Cohen provided an update on the Board retreat dates. The event has been postponed from August to address scheduling challenges and to ensure maximum participation from the board. The board will be kept informed, and the retreat is expected to be scheduled for this fall.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE (MICHAEL BERNICK)**

Monthly Financial Statement: [Financial Status as of June 4, 2024]

Eric Zigman reported GGRC's monthly financial statements as follows:

#### Operations:

After nine months of operations, year to date expenditures is under budget by 13.4%. 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 nine months of operations, year to date POS expenditures is under budget by 5.4%. While this will fluctuate as caseloads increase and as services are provided throughout the year, the current estimated projected surplus is approximately \$10 million for the fiscal year.

#### Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) Funding:

Placement funds have been allocated and are being used, however, funds related to any start-up projects have been approved, but not yet allocated by DDS.

### **STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES UPDATE ON SCDD**

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Sheraden Nicholau, SCDD Regional Manager shared SCDD updates and timely information on events, trainings and opportunities including the following:

For the first time at SF Pride, a Grand Marshal has been appointed that represents our IDD community: State Council Member Nicole Adler has been appointed a Grand Marshal.

- An Interview with Grand Marshal and Councilmember Nicole Adler:  
<https://scdd.ca.gov/2024/06/05/disabilities-and-lgbtq-advocacy-is-all-love-an-interview-with-nicole-for-love-adler/>

A reminder that you can subscribe to our SCDD Annual & Trainings calendars:

- The SCDD Annual Calendar contains monthly SCDD Council, Committee meetings, and self-advocate events. <https://scdd.ca.gov/scddcalendar/>

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- The SCDD Virtual Trainings Calendar lists all monthly Regional Office training and Self-Determination Program (SDP) Orientation trainings.  
<https://scdd.ca.gov/scdd-trainings/>

Upcoming:

Tiger Talks w State Council and the Learning Rights Law Center:

- 10a – 12p, June 26: How to be an effective board member in English and Spanish. Flyer with log on info: <https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/03/How-to-Be-an-Influencer-with-SCDD.pdf>

Our next Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

- In the April Bay Area RAC meeting, we heard from a Health and Healthcare Equity Work Panel. This upcoming June meeting we'll hear on work from SMCs local Abuse Roundtable and statewide caregiver abuse registry working group exploring the state's past initiatives and current initiatives around registries and tracking of those who commit abuse against people with disabilities they work for. This working group is exploring future needs and initiatives as well. This will be a hybrid meeting. You can Join In-Person at the Marin Co Office of Ed or over Zoom.

Self-Advocates Advisory Committee Meeting (hybrid): 7/15

SCDD Council Meeting, via Zoom: 7/16

Update from the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN):

- Met for two days earlier in June, in Sacramento.
- The SSAN newsletter features advocate written articles on the ADA, the National Disability Policy Forum (coupled with Hill Day meetings with federal legislators), earthquake preparedness tips for people with AFNs, info about DDS' Consumer Advisory Committee recruiting for new members, tips for job seekers (e.g. updating your resume, preparing for interviews, and tips on reasonable accommodations), and how to turn community concern into advocacy action, and many other advocacy resources.  
<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/05/2024.SCDD-HQ.June-2024-SSAN-Packet-05.28.2024-ACCESSIBLE.pdf>

Reminder about the State Council's Year-round Sponsorship Opportunity:

The California State Council supports events that promote self-advocacy, leadership and education, thereby enabling people with developmental disabilities and their family members to expand their knowledge and skills. Organizations may apply for Council sponsorships for events that promote self-advocacy and family-advocacy. The Council will give special consideration to entities that provide free or discounted services or event registration fees to people with IDD and their families or offer other help so that people with IDD and their families can fully participate. The Council especially seeks to support events where people with IDD participate as panelists and presenters. Submit a request at least 90 days before your event. \$2500 limit per sponsorship. Read more about the request process:

<https://scdd.ca.gov/sponsorships/>

### **BOARD OPERATIONS (LYNN PULLIAM)**

Lynn reviewed the procedure for voting at tonight’s meeting, so all board members were clear on how to cast their votes. The candidates for consideration were as follows:

#### **Board Member Re-Elections**

Voting was conducted both in person and online.

<b>INDIVIDUALS ON RE-ELECTION BALLOT</b>	
ARIAS, Edith	O’CONNOR, Kate
BERNICK, Michael	POITIER, Shirley
BULLOCK, Tracey	JONES, Sharon
COHEN, Jacy	GUZMAN, Marta
PULLIAM, Lynn	ALCARAZ, Brindicy
KHIN, JJ	DELIRA, David

#### **Officer and ARCA Delegate Elections**

Voting was conducted both in person and online.

<b>ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS GGRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES</b>	
<b>Position</b>	<b>Candidate</b>
Chairperson	Jacy Cohen
Vice-Chairperson	Edith Arias Michael LoBue
Secretary	Lynn Pulliam
Treasurer	Michael Bernick
ARCA Delegate	Edith Arias

Lynn announced that the votes of Board Members will be tallied and announced at the end of meeting.

### **Services Committee (David DeLira)**

David DeLira shared the following report from the Services Committee:

He gave an update on the Future is Now series, a class presented through the ARC of California as part of their Caring Futures program (<https://www.caringfutures.org/>). David updated the board as well on the GGRC listening sessions that the Services Committee has been conducting over the past several months. Recently listening sessions were held specifically for people served by GGRC. The results were good but challenging conversations that included considerations of future planning for individuals as well as contemplating the mortality of their caregivers.

David also reported that Lisa Rosene continues to update the Services Committee on her work with a statewide group that has been developing a consistent statewide IPP template. GGRC has been chosen as a test regional center to pilot the new tool in the coming months.

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Lisa also reported that the Services Committee is not yet ready to bring the POS Guideline revisions to the full board, as we are working with DDS to respond to their many requests for revisions, but to expect that the Services Committee and Board will see those revisions in the September meetings.

**Service Provider Advisory Committee (Kate O'Connor)**

Kate remarked on the great attendance that SPAC had earlier that with about 40 service providers in attendance. Providers are hopeful about the full funding of the new rate model and are anxious for more information from DDS and GGRC about what the new rates will be. In response to a previous SPAC Discussion, GGRC staff and management presented information at this meeting on how to process Purchase of Service authorizations and billings work internally at GGRC. Kate thanked GGRC for being responsive to requests from providers. She ended her report expressing appreciation for the positive, strong and productive relationship we have in our area between the agencies that provide direct services and GGRC.

**Legislative Committee/ARCA Report (Edith Arias)**

**CA Budget – Joint Legislative Rejection of Governor's Proposed Delay**

Eric reported on the final push to get a rejection of the delay in full implementation of the service provider rate methodology. Both the Senate and Assembly have come out in favor of keeping the implementation date as 7/1/24 and rejecting the Governor's proposal to delay that for another year. This is critical to the people we serve as service providers cannot find enough staff to serve people at the current rates. A great deal of community advocacy has gone on to get to this point, and over 9,500 people have signed the Lanterman Coalition petition and written remarks that will go to the Governor and the Legislators! The budget should be signed by the Governor in the next two weeks.

**Master Plan on Developmental Services – June 5th Meeting Update**

Edith Arias provided insights from her participation in the meeting held on June 5th. It was observed that the majority of attendees during the public meetings were from Southern California. The establishment of workgroups offers an opportunity for representatives from Northern California to contribute their perspectives. The following five workgroups have been formed for the purpose of gathering input from Committee members and the community:

- Group 1:** Individuals and families experience person-centered service systems they trust
- Group 2:** Individuals receive timely, inclusive, and seamless services across all service systems
- Group 3:** Individuals and their families receive services from a high-quality, stable and person-centered workforce
- Group 4:** Individuals and their families experience consistent, transparent, accountable and data-driven systems that focus on outcomes
- Group 5:** Individuals are entitled to life-long services with adequate resources

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The workgroup information has been forwarded to Advocates, and Amanda Pyle will be posting it on the GGRC Facebook and Instagram pages. Additionally, it was recommended that the workgroup materials be translated into other languages to ensure broader accessibility.

The Master Plan Director, Victor Duran, recently visited Southern California and is available to meet with interested groups, parents, and individuals from the Bay Area, either in person or via Zoom. If the board is interested in arranging such a meeting, Ms. Arias can assist with coordination.

Three Bills – AB2002 (Blue Envelope), AB2423 (Rate Model Updates) & AB3291(HS Committee Bill on Early Start, Homeless Rent Subsidy and Future Planning)

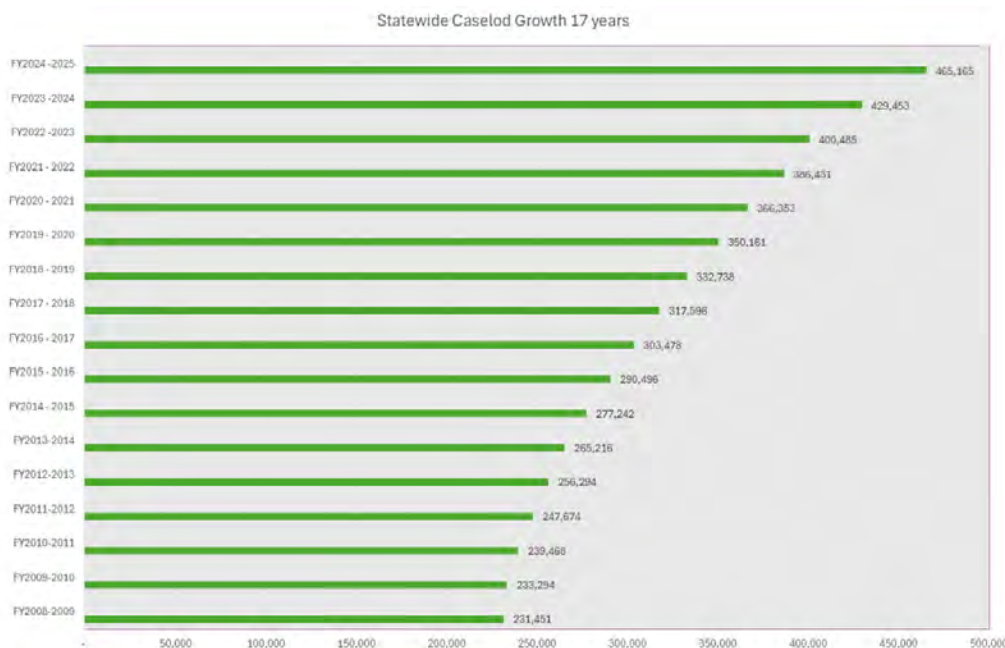
Mr. Zigman updated the Board on the status of the following bills:

- AB2002 (Blue Envelope): The bill was held in assembly appropriations committee, and therefore, the initiative will not proceed.
- AB2423 (Mathis Bill on Rate Model Updates): The assembly appropriation committee has approved and will now the bill will proceed to the Senate for consideration.
- AB 3291 (Human Services Committee): Early Start, Homeless Rent Subsidy and Future Planning: The assembly appropriation committee has approved and will now proceed to the Senate for consideration.

**Director’s Report (Eric Zigman)**

The Growth of GGRC & The System

Mr. Zigman examined the Statewide Caseload Growth chart, which was developed by ARCA to illustrate the number of individuals served from fiscal years 2009 through 2023, as well as the projected annual figures for subsequent years. The data highlights the expansion of the system and the regional center's growth over time. Eric discussed the many impacts this growth has occasioned both at GGRC and statewide.



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Mr. Zigman noted that GGRC and the Board will be hosting a public meeting to discuss the 2024-2025 performance contract, as mandated by statute. A 30-day notice regarding the meeting will be distributed.

**Announcement of FY 24-25 Board Member & Officer Election Results (Lynn Pulliam)**

**After the vote tally took place during the meeting, Operations Chair Lynn Pulliam announced the board member reelections as well as Board Officer and ARCA Delegate annual election results. She congratulated and thanked all those named.**

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm. Jacy wished everyone a good summer.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jennila Worrell for Lynn Pulliam

RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBER BALLOT JULY 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 – JUNE 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 RESULTS	
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