

Alta California Regional Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, April 11, 2022  
Minutes

**Present:** Carmen Aguilar, Jackie Armstrong, Johnny Deng, Dan Lake, Amy Lampe, Kelly Pennington, Michelle Ramirez, Michelle Rewerts, Anwar Safvi, Retha Seabron, Yang Sun, Rita Walker

**Absent** (\* excused): Elaine Linn\*, Patty Wallace\*

**Staff:** Lori Banales, John Decker, Deborah Hayes, Heather Hollingworth, Camelia Houston, Mechelle Johnson, David Lopez, Lisa West

**Facilitators:** Amy Fulk

**Visitors:** Steve Andrews, Jaclyn Balanay, Eric Ciampa, Maureen Fitzgerald

1. **Call to Order – Reading of ACRC’s Mission & Vision** - The Board of Directors met at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022, by Webex/teleconference. Mr. Lake read aloud ACRC’s Mission and Vision.
2. **Community Comments/Announcements**
  - ◆ No comments/announcements were shared.
3. **New Business**
  - ◆ Approve Revised Social Recreation Activities, Camp and Non-Medical Therapies Service Policy

**Discussion and Action:** Ms. Banales shared that ACRC staff submitted the Board approved policy to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) after the January 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The department reached out to Ms. Johnson and Mr. Decker to collaborate and discuss possible revisions.

The proposed revisions include:

- Adding equestrian therapy to the examples that can be accessed as a recreational therapy.
- Under non-medical therapies, the language has been changed to include the wording straight from the Welfare & Institution (W&I) Code.
- Removed the word “assessed” from the last paragraph.
  - “ACRC will pay for ~~assessed~~ support to facilitate meaningful participation in those activities...”.

Ms. Banales noted that DDS believes that these changes could mitigate any confusion from the public. She clarified that Purchase of Services (POS) Policies are required to align with statute and must be approved by DDS.

**Without objection, Amy Lampe made the motion to approve the revised policy as presented.**

4. ***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: Lori Banales