

Alta California Regional Center  
Board Development Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 8, 2021  
Minutes

**Present:**

Ron Mainini, Chair  
Carmen Aguilar  
Michelle Ramirez  
Retha Seabron  
Jennifer Stratton  
Rita Walker  
Patty Wallace

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Romilda Jones\*

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk

**Board Members:**

Kelly Pennington  
Michelle Rewerts  
Anwar Safvi  
Steven Sanchez  
Yang Sun

**Visitors:**

Maureen Fitzgerald

**Staff:**

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director  
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Financial Officer  
Lori Banales, Deputy Executive Director  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Board Development Committee (BDC) met on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Discussion of Board Training Sessions; and 2) Update on Bylaw Revisions. All present provided self-introductions.

**Without objection, Retha Seabron made the motion to adopt the Board Development Committee meeting minutes of January 11, 2021 as submitted.**

1. ***Discussion of Board Training Sessions***

- January Training on Cultural Diversity
  - Mr. Mainini requested feedback on the January Board Training.
    - The presentation was helpful and informative. The Board appreciates finding out what ACRC is doing for our underserved communities.
    - The use of service navigators seems to have made a difference. Has this idea been expanded to other efforts?
      - The Governor's proposed budget has suggested that the state might fund service navigators.
    - As we move past COVID-19, a question was raised as to whether ACRC would be redesigning or recreating some services that are currently being offered. It's an exciting time. The Board would appreciate an ongoing update on our agency's efforts.
      - Ms. Banales shared that the grant proposals are for small, targeted groups. ACRC will be expanding our

efforts and generalizing the strategies to other populations. She noted that when you have small populations with good outcomes, it doesn't "move the needle".

- All of this is contingent on the grants that ACRC is awarded.
- March Training on State Level Advocacy
  - Mr. Mainini suggested having the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) present on "State Level Advocacy – ARCA, Regional Centers & Boards, and Community".
    - Ms. West will contact ARCA for their availability.
    - Suggestion was made to begin the March 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting at 3:45 p.m. to allow for a 30 minute training, with 15 minutes for a question/answer portion.
- May Two-Hour Training Session Topics
  - The Board normally holds a two-hour training session prior to the May Board meeting.
  - Please think of potential topics of interest. This committee will continue to discuss at the March BDC meeting.

## 2. ***Update on Bylaw Revisions***

- Mr. Mainini and Ms. Walker had a lengthy meeting with ACRC's attorneys last week, with another one scheduled for later this week.
- The final version of the revised bylaws will be brought back to the BDC and then the Board for approval.

The next Board Development Committee's meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 8, 2021**. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Phil Bonnet