

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, President
Kelly Pennington, Vice President &
ARCA Rep
Michelle Rewerts, Secretary
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair
Amy Lampe, ARCA-CAC Rep

Absent: (* excused)

Carmen Aguilar*, Member-at-Large

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

Steve Andrews
Nichole Beebe
Maureen Fitzgerald
Peter Mendoza
Patty Wallace
Karen Young

Board Members:

Jackie Armstrong
Garrett Broadbent
Johnny Deng
Steven Sanchez

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Operating
Officer
Eli Barquero, Auditor
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client
Services
Tracy Brown, Associate Client Services
Director
Faye Tait, Associate Client Services
Director
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake
& Clinical Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client
Services
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 4:15 p.m. to discuss: 1) President's Report; and 2) Executive Director's Report.

*Ms. Fitzgerald emailed the Board suggesting that they consider the Board Training offered by the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) as part of ACRC's 2024 Board Training Plan. She would also like public comments added to the Board Development and Finance Committee meeting agendas.

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of September 11, 2023, as submitted.

1. ***President's Report***

- Mr. Lake expressed appreciation to everyone who attended the Board Training last month.

2. ***Executive Director's Report***

- Ms. Banales shared that Bradley, one of ACRC's clients, is featured in the Special Olympics commercial/campaign. She has pride for those individuals that are promoting this great opportunity. Inclusion is an important part of being accepted in your community. We all choose where we want to go and spend our

time. We choose to be with people that share our same interests. Inclusion includes choice and we embrace and support the opportunities that our clients choose to participate in.

- The October *Alta Connections* was released last week. Individuals can sign-up on our website to receive announcements, as well as our quarterly newsletter. ACRC's website has all of the editions posted in several different languages.
 - Mr. Lake and Ms. Banales received a letter from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) this afternoon acknowledging that ACRC's Board is in compliance with all of the requirements for the 2023 Board Composition Survey which was submitted to the department in August. We will continue our outreach efforts.
 - The Governor has until October 14th to sign or veto the bills that are on his desk.
 - He signed SB 805, which modernizes the workforce options for parents by expanding the criteria for qualified autism service professionals. This will open the doors and provide choice.
 - The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) has several Self-Determination Program (SDP) Orientations scheduled for October, across multiple languages. These virtual trainings will have an interactive component. More information can be found on their website; registration is required.
 - Over the past year, ACRC staff have been looking at ways to engage our community. Quarterly virtual community meetings will begin in February 2024.
 - Ms. Banales will open the meetings, and then members of her Executive Team will share information.
 - The Annual National Core Indicators (NCI) Presentation will be held during the November 16th Board meeting.
 - Ms. Bloom and Ms. Johnson, ACRC's Directors of Client Services, along with Elijah Jenkins, ACRC's Data Scientist, will present.
 - Two conferences are scheduled for this month. Registration can be paid by ACRC if noted in a client's Individual Program Plan/Individual Family Service Plan (IPP/IFSP).
 - The MIND Institute's Annual Aprendiendo Juntos, or "Learning Together" Spanish Conference on October 28th.
 - The 37th Annual Supported Life Conference "Inspiring Unity through Common Goals and Creativity" will be held October 26th & 27th. Conferences that are highlighted in our newsletter – SLI on October 26th & 27th.
3. **Closed Session** – at 4:36 p.m. the Executive Committee adjourned to executive session in order to discuss personnel issues.
4. **Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion** – at 4:43 p.m. the Executive Committee reconvened in open session following a closed session in which personnel issues were discussed.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 13, 2023**. The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales