

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023
Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, President
Anwar Safvi, Vice President
Yang Sun, Finance Comm. Chair
Michelle Rewerts, Secretary
Kelly Pennington, ARCA Rep
Amy Lampe, ARCA-CAC Rep
Carmen Aguilar, Member-at-Large

Board Members:

Jackie Armstrong
Johnny Deng
Michelle Ramirez
Steven Sanchez
Retha Seabron
Patty Wallace

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

Steve Andrews
Maureen Fitzgerald
Peter Mendoza

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Operating
Officer
John Decker, Director of Community
Services
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake
& Clinical Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client
Services
Robin LeMay, POS Manager
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 4:53 p.m. by Zoom/teleconference to discuss: 1) President's Report; and 2) Executive Director's Report.

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of November 14, 2022 as submitted.

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

- Mr. Lake shared that ACRC's Santa Day/Holiday Celebration was well attended and amazing. The Micro-Enterprise Fair was great, too.
- Per our agency's bylaws, the authority has been given to the Personnel Committee to begin the Executive Director's annual evaluation.
- Steven Sanchez has been assigned to the Board Development Committee (BDC).
- The newest edition of *Alta Connections* is now posted on the agency's website.

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

- Ms. Banales noted that having an Emergency Response Coordinator on staff has been a tremendous asset to regional centers. Hewitt Matanari has been critical in sharing information and outreach to those clients and families that have been affected by recent weather/potential flooding.

- Tomorrow, Governor Newsom will be releasing the proposed budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year (FY). This will start the legislative process, with advocates speaking up on various issues that are important to them.
 - The Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA's) Grassroots Day will once again be virtual and will be held towards the end of March 2023.
 - Ms. Banales would like to encourage participation in this event. We need to make sure our voices are heard.
 - The focus area leaders for the agency's Strategic Plan met with our consultants to discuss and start gathering the data for the end of year report (December 2022).
 - Ms. Banales plans to share this report with the Board at the March Board meeting.
 - Based on the growth of our regional center, Jennifer Bloom will sit with Mechelle Johnson as the second Director of Client Services; she will start officially in that capacity on January 30th. Initially, Ms. Bloom will focus on Early Start and Early Childhood (birth to age five).
3. **Closed Session** – at 5:03 p.m. the Executive Committee adjourned to executive session in order to discuss personnel and legal issues.
4. **Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion** – at 5:20 p.m. the Executive Committee reconvened in open session following a closed session in which personnel and legal issues were discussed.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 13, 2023**. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales