

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Minutes

Present:

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

Board Members:

Jackie Armstrong
Johnny Deng
Michelle Ramirez
Patty Wallace

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

Steve Andrews
Anne De Medeiros
Maureen Fitzgerald
Peter Mendoza
Karen Mulvany

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Financial Officer
Jennifer Bloom, Associate Client
Services Director
John Decker, Director of Community
Services
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake
& Clinical Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client
Services
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 4:25 p.m. by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Draft Conservatorship Policy; 2) Performance Contract 2022 Review & 2023 Public Input; 3) President's Report; and 4) Executive Director's Report.

- *Ms. Fitzgerald noted that she sent a letter to Mr. Lake, Ms. Banales and the Board's Executive Committee to request that the Board allow for public input on the proposed Conservatorship Policy prior to approving it.*
- *Mr. Mendoza believes the Board may want to consider reaching out to clients/families that do not have access to the internet to seek their input, as well.*

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of September 12, 2022 as submitted.

1. Draft Conservatorship Policy

- Ms. Banales clarified that the Board is offering an opportunity for community input/feedback on the draft Conservatorship Policy through the end of October. A revised draft will be brought to the November 14th Executive Committee meeting for consideration. This process is not intended to be rushed, but we do want our community to understand ACRC's position on conservatorship – conservatorship is always a last resort in order to support the health, safety and welfare of the clients we

serve. The policy was drafted with the assumption that Governor Newsom would sign into law AB 1663, which he did on September 30th.

- She noted that this policy will help guide ACRC's multi-disciplinary team that reviews petitions of conservatorship that the agency receives. As we move forward and come to an agreement of what this policy will state, we want to provide training opportunities to our staff and community, understanding that Supported Decision-Making (SDM) is key to this process.
- This draft policy was mentioned at today's Client Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting and will be shared with committee members. It will also be shared at Thursday's Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting and will be posted on ACRC's website.
 - Anyone may contact the Board at acrcboard@altaregional.org.

2. Performance Contract 2022 Review & 2023 Public Input

- Ms. Banales shared that the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) will be aligning regional center Performance Contracts with the fiscal year (FY); the 2023 contract will cover 18 months. This was discussed at today's CAC meeting and will be shared at Thursday's PAC meeting, as well.
- Ms. Johnson and Mr. Decker reviewed the public policy measures, as well as measures related to employment, the Paid Internship Program (PIP), and reducing disparities and improving equity in Purchase of Services (POS) expenditures.
- Ms. Banales commended ACRC staff who participate in meaningful activities/opportunities to engage communities to address specific objectives. This contract will also reflect additional performance incentive funding from the department.
 - We are inviting public input through October 31st at performancecontractfeedback@altaregional.org.

3. President's Report

- No report was shared.

4. Executive Director's Report

- As noted earlier, Ms. Banales will share more information about AB 1663 at the November Board meeting.
- Regional centers are awaiting guidance from DDS in regards to several initiatives that are included in the State's budget.
- The required National Core Indicators (NCI) stakeholder meeting will be held during the November 17th Board meeting.
- ACRC went through the process of asking for a waiver of the regulation for median rates for psychological assessments (AB 637). Ms. Banales noted that, if approved, this should give our regional center more resources to access. We are awaiting DDS' response.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 14, 2022**. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales