

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, November 13, 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
Carmen Aguilar, Member-at-Large

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Board Members:

Jackie Armstrong
Garrett Broadbent
Johnny Deng
Steven Sanchez
Retha Seabron

Visitors:

Steve Andrews
Maureen Fitzgerald
Kristy Rose

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Operating
Officer
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client
Services
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 Monday, November 13, 2023, at 4:24 p.m. to discuss: 1) President's Report; and 2) Executive Director's Report.

*Ms. Lampe shared that the San Diego People First Chapter is seeking speakers for their conference.

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of October 10, 2023, as submitted.

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

- Mr. Lake noted that due to the holiday, the Board meeting is this Thursday.

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

- Ms. Banales shared that we will need to hold a special call Board meeting on Monday, December 11th, at 3 p.m. via Zoom to approve three contracts prior to the end of the calendar year. The contracts are associated with the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS') Assistive Technology Pilot Program. ACRC has received an additional allocation for the three service providers that are participating in this.
- ACRC is submitting our Community Placement Plan/Community Resource Development Plan (CPP/CRDP) to DDS today. These will include housing projects – The Heights on Stockton Blvd. (15 units), and an additional Chelsea housing project in Sacramento County (15 units). Mr. Decker received word that The Lake of the Pines housing project in Nevada County is not moving forward. ACRC has

housing developers reaching out to us, and we are looking at the Sutter/Yuba area for future housing projects.

- The Client Advisory Committee's (CAC's) Meet & Greet will be held tomorrow prior to the CAC meeting. We have over 40 clients registered.
- Every year, the Governor hosts a Tree Lighting Ceremony. This year, he is adding 21 smaller trees, each representing a regional center. On December 5th, ACRC will be decorating our tree prior to the evening's celebration.
- We will be holding our Annual National Core Indicators (NCI) Public Meeting and a Legal Department Training during Thursday's Board meeting. Ms. Banales is seeking guidance from the Board on what should be highlighted during the meeting.
- Last week, a Disability Industry Career Expo was held at Sierra College. This was not identified through The Collaborative, but still represented this project. ACRC will continue to host job fairs to promote our service system; Folsom Lake College may be the next location.
- With the Board's approval, Ms. Banales has added an item to Board meeting agendas – "Meeting Our Mission." This will offer an opportunity to promote the good that our regional center system does for clients/families.
- The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Grassroots Day will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. This will be an in-person event. The night before, ARCA will host an advocacy briefing dinner for Board members.
- Ms. Houston noted that on December 1, 2022, Shannon McConnell was hired as ACRC's Dental Coordinator. Ms. McConnell is providing outreach to day programs throughout our catchment area. Recently, she visited *Visions in Motion*, and the program posted positive feedback on Facebook about this visit.
 - Ms. McConnell continues to collaborate with community partners to assist with preventative measures.

3. **Closed Session** – at 4:43 p.m. the Executive Committee adjourned to executive session in order to discuss legal and personnel 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 legal and personnel issues were discussed.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 8, 2024**. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales