

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2024
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

Board Members:

Jackie Armstrong
Garrett Broadbent
Steven Sanchez

Visitors:

Steve Andrews
Maureen Fitzgerald

Facilitator:

Amy Fulk

Staff:

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

The Executive Committee met on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 4:10 p.m. 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 January 8, 2024, as submitted.

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

- Mr. Lake appreciates everyone's attendance today.

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

- The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is seeking applications from community partners who are interested in participating in their Master Plan. Ms. Banales shared that this is similar to a strategic plan, which will elevate the focus areas and use that as the map going forward.
- DDS' Director Bargmann has reminded regional centers that the rate implementation is written into statute, so they are to move forward with prepping for the service provider rate increases, even though the Governor's proposed budget includes a delay by one year.
- DDS' vendor portal may be available in the Spring.

- Three different National Core Indicator (NCI) surveys will be mailed out this year – the Child Family Survey, the Adult Family Survey, and the Family Guardian Survey.
 - ACRC’s client/family survey is different from this. Ms. Banales noted that the data that is coming forward indicates some great successes.
- DDS has introduced language to permanently delete the Annual Family Program Fee (AFPF) and the Family Cost Participation Program (FCPP).
 - The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) has pushed this idea forward during the last several legislative cycles and the department is supporting this.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 11, 2024**. The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales