

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2024
Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, President
Kelly Pennington, Vice President &
ARCA Rep
Michelle Rewerts, Secretary
Amy Lampe, ARCA-CAC Rep
Carmen Aguilar, Member-at-Large

Absent: (* excused)

Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair*

Board Members:

Jackie Armstrong
Garrett Broadbent
EunMi Cho
Tom Hopkins
Steven Sanchez

Visitors:

Steve Andrews
Maureen Fitzgerald
Joseph Wilson

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, March 11, 2024, at 4:25 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 February 12, 2024, as submitted.

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

- Mr. Lake shared that the Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA's) Grassroots Day is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd, at the State Capitol.
 - Please contact Ms. West if you would like to attend.
- Thank you for your attendance today.

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

- Placer County Supervisor, District 2, Shanti Landon released February 2024 newsletter and included information about ACRC's partnership with Placer County.
- ACRC has had the opportunity to have conversations with Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen, who invited Ms. Banales and key staff to the State Capitol on

Thursday, March 21st, for the reading of a Resolution (ACR-150) recognizing the month of March 2024 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

- Assemblymembers Nguyen and Jim Patterson have drafted a spot bill about clients that have Medi-Cal or are dually eligible to be exempt from moving over to Managed Care. There have been reports from families that locating specialists across Managed Care plans and/or private insurance is difficult.
- Assemblymember Nguyen also had several legislators sign a bipartisan letter requesting that the implementation of the disability service provider rate increase continue, that was slated to begin on July 1, 2024, and not be delayed.
- March is also National Social Work Month. For the last several years, Ms. Brown has encouraged ACRC to hold a celebration, recognizing every staff member's effort in serving individuals with developmental disabilities. On Thursday, March 28th, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., ACRC will be celebrating staff. Board members are invited to attend.
- ACRC has been asked to send a letter of support regarding AB 2002 (Sanchez) Vehicles: public safety: Blue Envelope Program. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) would issue a blue envelope to those that wish to participate in this program. The envelope would identify an individual with a disability.
 - Ms. Banales noted that this program is completely voluntary, and no database is created. The program has been piloted in San Diego County with success.

Without objection, Michelle Rewerts made the motion to approve Ms. Banales' letter of support for AB 2002 as presented.

- The Senate Subcommittee 3 Hearing on Health & Human Services Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 21st, at 9:30 a.m. or upon adjournment.
- ACRC's Annual Purchase of Services (POS) Data Meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, March 19th, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. We currently have over 200 individuals registered for this meeting.
- Regional center Performance Contracts used to cover the calendar year, but last year the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) switched them to fiscal year (FY). The intent of gathering public input is to review the activities that were presented in 2023 and request additional input that may enhance the outcomes. ACRC has an email address that takes input year-round:
performancecontractfeedback@altaregional.org
 - An overview of the public policy measures, compliance measures, measures related to employment and the Paid Internship Program (PIP), and measures related to reducing disparities and improving equity in purchase of services expenditures was provided.
 - ACRC is tracking unmet needs data and conducting workshops to promote community/generic resources to families. Staff continually collaborate with community partners.
 - We are continually seeking/developing affordable housing options for clients/families.

- As noted at last year's Annual POS Data meeting, we are moving the needle when looking at individuals that were only receiving case management services from the regional center.
 - Staff continue to conduct outreach presentations about regional center services and the Self-Determination Program (SDP).
 - Ms. Banales invites feedback and ideas for consideration as we draft ACRC's 2024 Performance Contract.
 - This information will be shared with the Client Advisory Committee (CAC) tomorrow and the Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) on Thursday. This will also be discussed at ACRC's next Community Meeting scheduled for May 1st, from 11 a.m. to noon.
3. **Closed Session** – at 5:00 p.m. the Executive Committee adjourned to executive session in order to discuss legal issues and real estate.
4. **Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion** – at 5:29 p.m. the Executive Committee reconvened in open session following a closed session in which legal issues and real estate were discussed.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 13, 2024**. The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales