

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, June 12, 2023
Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, President
Anwar Safvi, Vice President
Yang Sun, Finance Comm. Chair
Kelly Pennington, ARCA Rep
Amy Lampe, ARCA-CAC Rep

Absent: (* excused)

Michelle Rewerts*, Secretary
Carmen Aguilar*, Member-at-Large

Board Members:

Jackie Armstrong
Johnny Deng
Michelle Ramirez
Steven Sanchez
Retha Seabron

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

Steve Andrews
Maureen Fitzgerald
Peter Mendoza

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, June 12, 2023, at 4:30 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 May 8, 2023 as submitted.

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

- Once again, Mr. Lake expressed appreciation to Board members who attended the May Training.

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

- Ms. Banales shared that the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) is meeting later this week; their annual dinner will be held Thursday evening.
- Under our State's constitution, the legislature must have an approved budget on the Governor's desk by June 15th or they do not get paid. Then, Governor Newsom has until June 30th to sign the budget.
 - More information will be shared at the July 25th Board meeting.
- Ms. Banales expressed appreciation to the Board for approving the CircleUp Education Operations (OPS) contract for Cultural Diversity/Humility Training. In the regional center performance measure, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) identified specific staff that will be required to complete this eight-hour training. In continuing discussions with ARCA, DDS has added

Community Services Specialists to this performance measure, so the contract will be updated to include additional staff. ACRC has scheduled all of our training dates and DDS has approved the training curriculum; we are the first regional center to receive this approval.

- ACRC, along with two other regional centers, are partnering with Congreso Familiar to provide an iPad and technology training to Spanish speaking clients/families. This DDS funded lending project has 100 iPads that are available as long as clients/families meet additional requirements. Service Coordinators (SCs) are beginning to share this information at Individual Program Plan (IPP) meetings.
- Our July newsletter will focus on community engagement, which follows our agency's Strategic Plan. Shamir Griffin, ACRC's new Cultural Diversity Specialist, is leading our Diversity Outreach Workgroup. As part of our ongoing outreach efforts, a large group from ACRC participated in yesterday's Sacramento Pride Parade.
- DDS has asked ACRC to participate in a tour for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), known as Agency. Next Thursday, June 22nd, Ms. Banales and her Executive Management Team, along with Michi Gates and Tony Anderson (Executive Directors from Kern Regional Center and Valley Mountain Regional Center, respectively), will share information about different aspects of the regional centers system. On Friday, June 23rd, the group will tour different types of homes. We take it as our responsibility, as we are located in Sacramento, as well as an opportunity.

**The Board expressed appreciation to Ms. Wallace and Ms. Ramirez for the past three years of serving as the designated representatives from the Client Advisory Committee (CAC) and Provider Advisory Committee (PAC).*

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 10, 2023**. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales