

Alta California Regional Center  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, June 9, 2025  
Minutes

**Present:**

Dan Lake, President  
Kelly Pennington, Vice President &  
ARCA Rep  
Steven Sanchez, Secretary  
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair  
Amy Lampe, ARCA-CAC Rep  
Carmen Aguilar, Member-at-Large

**Board Members:**

Jackie Armstrong  
Garrett Broadbent  
Johnny Deng  
Tom Hopkins  
Akkia Pride-Polk

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk  
Naomi Smith

**Visitors:**

Maureen Fitzgerald

**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 9, 2025, at 4:18 p.m. to discuss:  
1) Approve 2025 Performance Contract; 2) President's Report; and 3) Executive  
Director's Report.

- ACRC staff assisted Ms. Fitzgerald with her sound issue.

**Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the  
Executive Committee meeting minutes of May 12, 2025, as  
submitted.**

**1. Approve 2025 Performance Contract**

- Ms. Banales noted that today we have the final version, after taking into consideration all of the public comments that we have asked for over the last month and a half.
- Ms. Bloom shared that between May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>, ACRC has held six public meetings.
  - Some of the feedback that ACRC received fell under the purview of education and some under Medi-Cal or the Healthcare system in general.
  - She provided an overview of ACRC's planned activities for the next fiscal year (FY).

**Without objection, Kelly Pennington made the motion to approve the  
2025 Performance Contract, on behalf of the full Board, as presented.**

## 2. **President's Report**

- Mr. Lake expressed appreciation to those in attendance today.

## 3. **Executive Director's Report**

- Today, California's State Senate and Assembly Leaders announced that they have come to an agreement on a legislative version of the State's budget – Senate Bill 101. This bill:
  - Rejects the Governor's proposal to cap overtime hours for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers at 50 hours per week.
  - Rejects the Governor's proposal to eliminate IHSS for individuals with unsatisfactory immigration status (UIS) [undocumented Californians].
  - Modifies the Governor's Medi-Cal enrollment freeze proposal – there is no "age out" for those UIS individuals 19 years and older beginning January 1, 2026, and will be establishing a six-month re-enrollment grace period.
  - Modifies the Governor's proposal to establish Medi-Cal premiums for UIS individuals, limiting the age range from 19 to 59, from \$100 per month to \$30 per month starting January 1, 2027.
  - Reinstates an assets test for Medi-Cal.
  - Delays the Governor's proposal to eliminate \$362 million in supplemental payments for dental from Prop 56 funds, until July 1, 2027.
  - Rejects the Governor's proposal to eliminate the Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) Workforce Training with Sacramento State – the legislature wants this opportunity to move forward.
    - Ms. Banales noted that there has to be money that is captured to obtain a balanced budget. The leaders of the administration will work with the Governor's office to make sure that the savings is realized to cover the state's deficit.
- DDS issued a Directive requiring regional centers to have service providers complete their Service Acknowledgement Forms (SAFs) for all services associated with the rate reform by Friday, May 30, 2025.
  - Mr. Decker asked for staff in his department to be "all hands on deck" to make sure we achieved 100% compliance. At 4:28 p.m. on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, ACRC realized 100%.
    - Ms. Banales noted that ACRC is one of just a handful of regional centers to achieve 100% compliance.
- There is a much larger group of service providers that need to be a part of the DDS Provider Directory. This is the only way for service providers, who are included in the rate reform, to receive the quality incentive portion of their reimbursement rate (10%).
  - ACRC's Accounting Staff committed many hours to make sure we were successful in this huge task.
- ACRC's Open House is scheduled for Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are building a fun day where the community can engage with

microenterprise businesses and vendors. Ms. Banales is excited to open our doors – staff will be sharing invites through our agency’s social media platforms.

4. ***Closed Session*** – at 4:50 p.m. the Executive Committee adjourned to executive session in order to discuss personnel issues.
5. ***Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion*** – at 6:08 p.m. the Executive Committee reconvened in open session following a closed session in which personnel issues were discussed.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 14, 2025**. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Lori Banales