

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2023
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:

Johnny Deng
Steven Sanchez

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

Steve Andrews
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, July 10, 2023, at 4:17 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 June 12, 2023 as submitted.

- Ms. Lampe won bronze at the Special Olympics Northern California 2023 Summer Games.

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

- No report was shared.

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

- At the last meeting, Ms. Banales shared that her Executive Team, Reyva Johnson (Client Advocate), Phil Adams (IT Manager) and Michi Gates and Tony Anderson (Executive Directors from Kern Regional Center and Valley Mountain Regional Center, respectively) would be meeting with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Nancy Bargmann and Brian Winfield, with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to share information about different aspects of the regional center system. The meeting was extraordinarily positive - they had some focused questions that guided the conversation. The next day, the group toured some specialized homes in our catchment area. Ms. Bargmann and Mr. Winfield have extended their gratitude for the excellent meeting.

- Every other year, DDS audits our Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver. They just finished the audit that began on June 12th; 160 chart reviews were completed in two days versus the week that they had slated for the job.
 - For the Medicaid Waiver, there was one finding and 15 missing quarterlies.
 - For the 1915(i) Waiver, there was one finding (which has since been resolved) and 12 missing quarterlies.
 - For the Self-Determination Program (SDP), there were no findings.
 - For Special Incident Reports (SIRs), there was one finding for a late SIR (vendor's error).
 - We are still awaiting the outcome of the Title 19 portion and vendor chart reviews.
 - While visiting day programs and Community Care Facilities (CCFs), there were 13 findings – mostly due to not documenting when clients were given money for community engagement.
 - Ms. Johnson and Ms. Bloom have developed a process with ACRC's Associate Client Services Directors to ensure the completion of quarterlies for those clients that are on vacant caseloads.
- DDS was able to move some 2020 funding to the 2023-24 fiscal year (FY) for housing projects. Just prior to this meeting, Mr. Decker received the department's approval for The Lake of the Pines housing project. This development is located between Auburn and Grass Valley in Nevada County. There will be a total of 12 set-asides for our clients (seven one-bedroom and five two-bedroom apartments).
 - We have hired a Housing Specialist, Rhonda Phillips, who is overseeing the Assistive Technology Housing pilot project that DDS asked ACRC to be a part of.
- The 2023-24 FY budget was signed by the Governor and we are awaiting the passage of the trailer bill. Ms. Banales is hopeful that she will be able to share highlights from the summaries that DDS and the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) will draft at the July 27th Board meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 11, 2023**. The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales