

Alta California Regional Center  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, September 11, 2023  
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:**

Garrett Broadbent  
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  
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client  
Services  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 4:16 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 July 10, 2023, as submitted.**

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

- Mr. Lake is looking forward to our Board training at the end of the month. If you have transportation issues, please reach out to him.

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

- Ms. Banales noted that ACRC's Harvard campus is still dealing with a flea infestation. The last time we were together at the July 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting was the first night our property management treated the building. The Sacramento office is a LEED-certified building, which means that any treatment must be environmentally friendly. While the Sacramento office is closed, our staff have been accessing our outlying offices or are working remotely. We continue to underscore how important face-to-face meetings are with our staff; meetings just cannot take place at the Harvard campus.
- Last Friday evening, regional center Executive Directors received notice that the Governor's office has designated this week as "Direct Support Professional (DSP) Recognition Week." ACRC staff are working diligently to gather information to highlight our local DSPs on our agency's social media platforms. We will also use these highlights to promote the Collaborative with Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC).

- One of the service providers that works with VMRC presented a letter of interest to the California Disability Services Association (CDSA) and the Collaborative is one of the keynote presentations at their Annual Conference in Riverside next week.
  - AB 1147 has been pushed to a two-year bill, which will allow for opportunities for the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) and the bill's sponsors to continue to come together in conversation.
  - ACRC will be holding our Annual National Core Indicators (NCI) Public Meeting at the November 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.
  - The Client Advisory Committee's (CAC's) "Meet & Greet" has been rescheduled to November 14<sup>th</sup>, due to the flea infestation.
  - In May, the Board approved the Cultural Humility Training with CircleUp Education for ACRC staff, as part of the requirements for a regional center performance measure. Part of this measure is to gather feedback from two focus groups – one from staff members, and the other from clients served, family members and community partners. These two focus groups will be meeting virtually next week; staff training will begin in November.
  - Mr. Decker shared that the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) requested that ACRC oversee another housing acquisition for them. We will be seeking Board approval on this project at the September Board meeting. This \$425,000 contract will be for acquiring a vacant lot outside of Vacaville. ACRC will then work with Brilliant Corners to find a developer. Mr. Decker noted that this project will not impact our staff's workload. DDS recognizes that they request ACRC to oversee these types of contracts and include administrative costs in our funding.
3. **Closed Session** – at 4:32 p.m. the Executive Committee adjourned to executive session in order to discuss real estate and legal issues.
4. **Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion** – at 4:51 p.m. the Executive Committee reconvened in open session following a closed session in which real estate and legal issues were discussed.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 10, 2023**. The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Lori Banales