

Alta California Regional Center  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 8, 2021  
Minutes

**Present:**

Rita Walker, President  
Ron Mainini, Vice President  
Michelle Rewerts, Secretary &  
ARCA-CAC Rep  
Yang Sun, Finance Comm. Chair  
Carmen Aguilar, Member-at-Large

**Board Members:**

Johnny Deng  
Kelly Pennington  
Steven Sanchez  
Retha Seabron  
Jennifer Stratton

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk

**Visitors:**

Maureen Fitzgerald

**Staff:**

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director  
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Financial Officer  
Lori Banales, Deputy Executive  
Director  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met at 4:34 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021, by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Strategic Planning; 2) Establish Ad-Hoc Personnel Committee; and 3) Executive Director's Report. All present provided self-introductions.

**Without objection, Rita Walker made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of January 11, 2021 as submitted.**

**1. Strategic Planning**

- As Ms. Walker has mentioned before, Strategic Planning requires a lot of time for the process. Some regional centers have reached out to community partners, where others have set a few goals for their center to focus on.
  - ACRC's Performance Contract with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), as well as the Lanterman Act guides the actions of our regional center.
- Board members were asked to think about the future and moving forward. As a Board, we may wish to establish priorities that we would like to see.
  - Mr. Bonnet sent ACRC's 2011-15 Strategic Plan Goals to everyone for review.
  - Committee will continue to discuss this item at the March committee meeting.

**2. Establish Ad-Hoc Personnel Committee**

- Ms. Walker shared that the Ad-Hoc Personnel Committee is the same as last year, with the addition of Ms. Pennington.
  - If anyone else would like to volunteer, please contact her.

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

- Mr. Bonnet shared that the statewide COVID tracker reported 10,000 new cases today; around Christmas, it was reporting 65,000 a day. California's giant curve is headed downward.
  - ACRC currently has 645 positive clients, with 28 deaths; 348 positive direct support professionals (DSPs), with two deaths; and 26 positive staff.
- Helping people get vaccinated is Mr. Bonnet's #1 priority. A couple of thousand adult clients have been vaccinated. Last Tuesday, ACRC received notice of an opportunity for individuals to get vaccinated at a clinic on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Within a few hours, we received almost 2,000 responses for the 300 slots. Mr. Bonnet went to the vaccine clinic and saw what an amazing event it was. ACRC is not a medical organization, but staff are doing everything possible to assist families and caregivers. This is a monumental task and the demand is high, while the availability isn't always there. ACRC is holding onto a waitlist.
  - We have designated a staff member as our vaccination information coordinator. Information is posted on our website and those with questions can email [vaccineinfo@altaregional.org](mailto:vaccineinfo@altaregional.org)
- DDS released clarification on who constitutes a family caregiver. With that, regional centers developed another secondary letter for those caregivers to bring along with the DDS letter. In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers are already in a top tier.
  - Mr. Bonnet provided this information to staff today, with the links to these letters, so they can assist families.
- In mid-December, Mr. Bonnet made the decision to have all ACRC staff work remotely due to the increase in positive cases. Beginning today, we are slowly getting back to where we once were prior to the holidays; some staff are in our offices.
- Mr. Bonnet noted that negotiations with SEIU will begin soon.

*\*Ms. Walker noted that the Nominating Committee will meet to develop the proposed Slate of Officers for the 2021-22 fiscal year (FY) prior to the March Board Development Committee Meeting. This will be an informational item at the March Board meeting. The formal vote will take place at the May 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.*

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 8, 2021**. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Phil Bonnet