

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2020
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:

Michelle Ramirez
Retha Seabron

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 4:53 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) 2021 ACRC Performance Contract; 2) November ARCA Academy; 3) Legislative, Advocacy & Outreach Committee; 4) Board hybrid meeting option; 5) Executive Director's Report. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Rita Walker made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of October 19, 2020 as submitted.

1. ***2021 ACRC Performance Contract***

- Staff shared the initial draft of the 2021 Performance Contract with this committee, as well as the Client Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) in September. We asked for feedback and suggestions on the agency's planned activities specific to the public policy measures and employment.
- As required, ACRC will be sharing the final outcomes regarding our 2019 Performance Contract, as well as reviewing our 2021 Performance Contract at the November 19th Board meeting.
- Ms. Banales provided an overview of the planned activities, which describe what we plan to do to affect our outcomes for the specific public policy measures listed in the contract. Those activities include:
 - Maximizing community/generic resources in order to maintain minors living in their family home.
 - Focusing our attention on succession planning for those clients who are living in their family home with primary caregivers over the age of 70.
- Regional centers must meet all of the ten compliance measures. Staff have put in place many controls to make sure that ACRC continues to meet all of these.

- ACRC staff continue to place importance on employment opportunities for the adult individuals that we serve. The Paid Internship Program (PIP) encourages employers to hire individuals with developmental disabilities.
- A few years ago, each regional center was required to choose two measures that they would include on their Performance Contract related to reducing disparities and improving equity in purchase of services (POS) expenditures. Over the years, the centers would then track their planned activities and hopefully achieve better outcomes. ACRC is focusing on:
 - Outreach to African American, Slavic and Latinx communities.
 - The total number of clients with no POS by ethnicity/race.

2. ***November ARCA Academy***

- Ms. Walker reminded everyone that the November ARCA Academy webinar entitled "*Boards in the Community*" is scheduled for this Saturday, November 14th, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Anyone interested can still register.

3. ***Legislative, Advocacy & Outreach Committee***

- Ms. Walker shared that many regional centers have a Legislative, Advocacy & Outreach Committee who meet with their local legislators and providing additional information with a personal touch. These committees may send letters of support on issues that ARCA is commenting on. Some have also held legislative breakfasts in order to connect with their local elected officials.
- In the past, several Board members have attended community events, representing the Board and doing outreach.
- We have lost some legislators that were true champions for our community due to term limits, so this might be a good time to connect with the newly appointed officials so that they know who we are.
- If the Board would like to establish this new committee, Ms. Walker believes that volunteers would be able to do some work in a whole different avenue. Being in Sacramento allows us to possibly make a significant change. This is the time to fight for our service system.
 - Volunteers include: Rita Walker, Carmen Aguilar & Michelle Ramirez
 - The Board will continue to discuss this opportunity in January 2021.

4. ***Board hybrid meeting option***

- For those Board members who are interested, Ms. Walker would like to offer the option of holding another hybrid Board meeting on November 19th; some members attend in person, while others remain virtually.
 - If you are interested in attending in person, please let Ms. West know.

5. ***Executive Director's Report***

- Mr. Bonnet shared that California is about to hit its one millionth positive case for COVID-19. ACRC has 157 clients who have tested positive, with 12 deaths.

Within the last few days, we have had two staff members test positive; both have not been into any of our offices or seen any of our clients, in person.

- ACRC staff are continuing to distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to our clients and service providers. On October 30th, we held a drive thru Halloween event at several of our office locations.
- Mr. Bonnet expressed concern regarding late night activity on our Sacramento campus. A few months ago, someone smashed a window in the Intake/Clinical building and ransacked some of the offices. Last night, someone lit a fire in an outside trash can and there was significant damage to the outside of our Intake/Clinical building.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 11, 2021**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet