

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, February 10, 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
Johnny Deng
Tom Hopkins
Ceasar Seabron

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk
Shaquille Gunnison
Naomi Smith

Visitors:

Steve Andrews
Loretta Duncan-Fowler
Maureen Fitzgerald

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Operating
Officer
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, February 10, 2025, at 4:08 p.m. to discuss: 1) President's Report; and 2) Executive Director's Report.

- Ms. Fitzgerald sent a letter to the Board yesterday evening regarding ACRC's Purchase of Services (POS) utilization rate for the 2023-24 fiscal year (FY). Through a Public Records Act (PRA) request, she received information that noted a drop to 53%, which is the lowest of the 21 regional centers.

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of January 13, 2025, as submitted.

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

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

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

- Ms. Banales noted that updating the rates for our service providers has required hours beyond the typical workday and the leadership of both Mr. Ahmad and Mr. Decker assisted their departments with these updates. Their leadership across the state is noted.
- Last week, Ms. Banales and Mr. Decker attended a CPCIDD (California Policy Center for Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities) sponsored event at the Meristem campus. The "Housing for All: Best Practices in IDD Housing

Development” symposium was well attended, and individuals were able to learn about Best Practices across the state.

- The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) issued a Directive stating that regional center staff are not allowed to accept gifts over \$15 annually. This Directive also states that each regional center is to establish a policy that states that senior staff are not allowed to hire family members. It is Ms. Banales’ understanding that this will be attached to the regional center contract, so she has reached out to the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) to see if they will draft a template for centers to use. Her intent is to bring the draft policy before this committee at the March 10th meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 10, 2025**. The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales