

Alta California Regional Center  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 13, 2023  
Minutes

**Present:**

Dan Lake, President  
Anwar Safvi, Vice President  
Michelle Rewerts, Secretary  
Kelly Pennington, ARCA Rep  
Amy Lampe, ARCA-CAC Rep  
Carmen Aguilar, Member-at-Large

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Yang Sun\*, Finance Comm. Chair

**Board Members:**

Jackie Armstrong  
Johnny Deng  
Michelle Ramirez  
Steven Sanchez  
Retha Seabron

**Visitors:**

Steve Andrews  
Maureen Fitzgerald  
Peter Mendoza  
Benita Shaw

**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  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 4:08 p.m. by Zoom/teleconference 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 January 9, 2023 as submitted.**

- Ms. Rewerts will be going on a cruise to Japan and Korea in March.

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

- Mr. Lake shared that we have secured Lorenzo Cuesta, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, for our May Board Training. He will provide a "Roberts Rules of Order" Training.

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

- Ms. Banales shared that Governor Newsom will be lifting the State of Emergency at the end of this month. With that, the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS') Directives will follow. Later today, the department will be releasing a directive regarding the share of cost for parental fees. ACRC has a responsibility in Planning Team Meetings (PTMs) to inform families that there is a share of cost for any voluntary placements for minors. Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, conversations will begin with families and fees will be reinstated beginning May 2023. DDS conducts assessments and provides the family with the assessed amount.
  - Acknowledgment is part of our Individual Program Plan (IPP) signature page.

- The Family Cost Participation Program (FCPP) and the Annual Family Program Fee (AFPF) will follow. DDS will provide further direction.
- A portion of the Little Hoover Commission testimony focused on the need to exhaust generic resources prior to accessing regional center funding. This can be a barrier to some families.
  - The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) was seeking a sponsor for a bill that would change this process.
    - We will be tracking AB 649 (Wilson) as it moves through hearings.
- DDS approved the following projects for this year's Community Placement Plan (CPP)/Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP):
  - Additional funds for some existing facilities.
  - \$25,000 for an American Sign Language (ASL) staffing pilot registry.
  - \$150,000 for a care facility that specializes in treatment for substance use disorders.
  - \$1.85 million for another multi-family housing project in the Woodland Phase II Apartment Complex.
    - ACRC has secured 18 set-aside units for our clients; 12 one-bedroom and six two-bedroom apartments.
    - Mr. Decker reminded everyone that rent and utilities are set at one third of the client's income.
    - Completion is estimated for June 2025.
- ACRC's Annual Purchase of Services (POS) Data Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5 to 7 p.m. and Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
  - Because most individuals attend both meetings, there will be a more in-depth discussion about the data at the second meeting with opportunities for input.
- ARCA's Grassroots Day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, and will once again be virtual this year. Ms. Banales is hopeful that interested Board members will join in the conversations with our local legislative staff. There will be opportunities to review ARCA's priorities prior to these meetings.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 13, 2023**. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Lori Banales