

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

**Present:**

Dan Lake, President  
Anwar Safvi, Vice President  
Michelle Rewerts, Secretary  
Yang Sun, Finance Comm. Chair  
Kelly Pennington, ARCA Rep  
Amy Lampe, ARCA-CAC Rep  
Carmen Aguilar, Member-at-Large

**Board Members:**

Jackie Armstrong  
Steven Sanchez  
Retha Seabron

**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  
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake  
& Clinical Services  
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client  
Services  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 4:34 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 February 13, 2023 as submitted.**

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

- Mr. Lake shared that Elaine Linn has resigned from the Board for personal reasons as of February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- On April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Board will start the Executive Director's Annual Evaluation. If you have any questions, please let him know.
- Mr. Lake reminded everyone that the Board meets on the fourth Thursday of the odd months of the year, and the committees meet on the second Monday of the month, except for April, August and December.

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

- Ms. Banales shared that regional center Executive Directors met in San Diego in February to build partnerships and to identify areas the system could come together in standardization of process and procedure as a way to address the concerns shared by our stakeholders.
  - The Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) and San Diego Regional Center (SDRC) both have legislative packets. Ms. Banales gave Ms. West creative license and with the assistance of Mr. Ahmad's team, we developed our own. As we gear up for the Association of Regional Center Agencies'

(ARCA's) Grassroots Day on March 29<sup>th</sup>, this packet will help Board members learn more about our local legislators.

- Over the last few months, ACRC staff have been working diligently in meeting the two compliance measures from our service providers for the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule; the deadline is this coming Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. We offered technical assistance to those that needed it.
  - Aliesia Gautschi, our HCBS Specialist, has been successful in securing this data a week and a half early; ACRC is 100% compliant.
- Mr. Decker noted that there is a line item in last year's budget to assist regional center clients to lead more independent lives with the use of technology. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) will be working with ACRC on a \$5 million Remote Services Pilot Project, which will include 30 clients, spread out across three different agencies. This project can take place in different parts of our agency's catchment area and ACRC will be providing specialized training for those service providers that are chosen to be part of this pilot, which goes through 2025.
  - The department is hopeful that this pilot will assist with the greater workforce issue; hoping that assistive technology can help us provide services in a smarter way.
  - Additionally, DDS is developing an assistive technology pool of service providers that can be used across the state.
- Ms. Banales encourages Board members to register for ACRC's Annual Purchase of Services (POS) Data Meetings, which 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.
- ARCA is proud to sponsor AB 649 (Wilson) to repeal an administrative appeal mandate which would allow regional centers the ability to access regional center funding without requiring clients/families to appeal generic resource denials. Assemblymember Wilson serves a small portion of our catchment area and as such, ARCA has requested that our Board consider signing a letter of support to send to Wilson. This letter will be in the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Board packet as an action item.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 8, 2023**. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Lori Banales