

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, March 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
Jackie Armstrong, Member-at-Large

Board Members:

Johnny Deng
Kelly Pennington
Michelle Ramirez
Anwar Safvi
Steven Sanchez
Retha Seabron
Jennifer Stratton

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

DeLayna Eskridge-Brown
Maureen Fitzgerald
Dan Kilmer

Staff:

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

The Executive Committee met on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 5:07 p.m. by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Strategic Planning; 2) ARCA Update; 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 February 8, 2021 as submitted.

1. Strategic Planning

- Ms. Walker spoke with a consultant who has worked with other regional centers and organizations regarding Strategic Planning.
 - The May Training provides an opportunity to have an open, facilitated discussion on this subject. This would involve committing some funding.
- The May Training will be a hybrid option. Those members who have been vaccinated may choose to attend in person, while others will join the training via Webex.

Without objection, Michelle Rewerts made the motion to recommend to the full Board moving forward with discussing Strategic Planning at the May Training.

2. ARCA Update

- Ms. Walker reminded everyone that the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Web Academies will be holding another Board training on

Saturday, March 13th, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., entitled "*Diversity (part 1)*". Interested individuals still have time to register.

- The main presentation is from an individual from Georgetown University.
- Ms. Walker encouraged Board members to attend and shared that these trainings are also an opportunity to chat with other Board members from across the state.

3. **Executive Director's Report**

- Mr. Bonnet's number one priority at this time is to get our clients, their caregivers and our staff vaccinated. We have supported numerous clinics here at ACRC and at other locations across our catchment area. This Thursday and Friday, we will be hosting a 1,200-shot clinic (600 per day). Safeway pharmacists have gone out to folks in their cars to help curb the anxiety and hesitation of some individuals. Whatever it takes...
- The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) made the announcement that beginning March 15th, regional center clients 16 years and older are eligible to be vaccinated. Staff will assist clients and families with the needed documentation to accompany the DDS' letter, which can be presented prior to receiving the vaccine.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, ACRC has had 751 clients test positive for COVID-19, with 29 deaths. We currently have one client in the hospital; no client has passed away in the last two weeks.
- Mr. Bonnet believes that if things continue on this path, Sacramento County may move into the red tier soon. When this happens, the Board may choose to hold hybrid meetings. ACRC will continue to follow the guidelines set forth by the state.

4. **Closed Session** – at 5:32 p.m. the Executive Committee adjourned to executive session in order to discuss personnel issues.

5. **Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion** – at 6:01 p.m. the Executive Committee reconvened in open session following a closed session in which personnel issues were discussed.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 10, 2021**. The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet