

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2024
Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, President
Kelly Pennington, Vice President &
ARCA Rep
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair
Michelle Rewerts, Secretary
Amy Lampe, ARCA-CAC Rep

Absent: (* excused)

Carmen Aguilar*, Member-at-Large

Board Members:

Garrett Broadbent
EunMi Cho

Visitors:

Steve Andrews
Maureen Fitzgerald
Joseph Wilson

Facilitator:

Amy Fulk

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Operating
Officer
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client
Services
Tracy Brown, Associate Client Services
Director
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, May 13, 2024, at 4:15 p.m. to discuss:
1) Approve 2024-25 FY Board Meeting and Board Committee Meeting Schedules; 2)
President's Report; and 3) Executive Director's Report.

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of March 11, 2024, as submitted.

1. ***Approve 2024-25 FY Board Meeting and Board Committee Meeting Schedules***

- Mr. Lake shared that the draft of these two calendars were sent out to Board members.

Without objection, Kelly Pennington made the motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the 2024-25 FY Board meeting and Board Committee meeting schedules as presented.

2. ***President's Report***

- Mr. Lake expressed appreciation to all who participated in the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA's) Grassroots Day.

3. **Executive Director's Report**

- On Friday morning, Governor Newsom held a press conference for the May Revise. There is still a significant difference between the Department of Finance's projections and the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO's). Dr. Ghaly discussed the revised budget proposal later that afternoon, which includes:
 - A delay in the Tribal engagement and outreach for Early Start services.
 - A cut to the Health & Safety Waiver assistance.
 - A reduction to the DSP Internship Program.
 - A cut to Emergency Preparedness efforts.
- Service providers have organized the "Mayday Mayday Don't Delay!" rally for Tuesday, May 21st, at the State Capitol. The Capitol Coalition has asked ARCA to join in their efforts, and Ms. Banales and Mr. Decker will be speaking at the rally, as well. A "Keep the Promise" community rally is scheduled for May 31st in Southern California. Being able to come together and organize is so critical to our service system. ACRC continues to work with our Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Collaborative. A Strategic Planning meeting is being scheduled to assist with pushing this opportunity out to service providers across the state.
- The California Health and Human Services (CHHS) Master Plan for Developmental Services Stakeholder Committee is holding their third meeting on May 15th in Southern California. The group will be focusing their efforts on drafting an operational definition for equity and access.
 - Ms. Banales noted that this committee's work means so much to many people that rely on our service system.
- Mr. Decker shared that ACRC's Coordinated Future Planning initiative has made it to a proposal before the legislature – AB 3291. This bill would align ACRC's efforts by making caregiver succession planning a part of the Individual Program Plan (IPP) for all 21 regional centers.
- There has been a statewide push to increase Financial Management Services (FMSs) across different service codes. All 21 regional centers released a Request for Proposal (RFP) on the same day to access the \$6 million that is available statewide; ACRC would receive \$2 million.
 - Mr. Decker will be seeking Board approval on several contracts prior to June 30th.
- Ms. Bloom shared that Sierra College hosted a Local Planning Area (LPA) Summit on April 17th. This effort was to keep the competitive integrated employment blueprint alive. The LPA is a partnership between schools, regional centers and the Department of Rehabilitation.

4. **Closed Session** – at 4:38 p.m. the Executive Committee adjourned to executive session in order to discuss legal issues and real estate.

5. **Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion** – at 5:14 p.m. the Executive Committee reconvened in open session following a closed session in which legal issues and real estate were discussed.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 10, 2024**.
The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales