

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, May 8, 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

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

Steve Andrews
Maureen Fitzgerald
Peter Mendoza

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
Faye Tait, Associate Client Services
Director
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 4:27 p.m. to discuss:
1) Approve 2023-24 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 13, 2023 as submitted.

1. ***Approve 2023-24 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, Anwar Safvi made the motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the 2023-24 FY Board meeting and Board Committee meeting schedules as presented.

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

- Mr. Lake expressed appreciation to everyone for attending the committee meetings today. He also appreciates the work that the Board's Personnel Committee is doing on the annual evaluation of the Executive Director.

3. **Executive Director's Report**

- Ms. Banales shared that ACRC hosted our first Disability Industry Career Expo last Wednesday, May 3rd, and it was a success. We had over 250 job seekers attend and over 60 service providers hosted tables, including ACRC and Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC).
 - The Collaborative is receiving feedback from service providers who believe it was valuable. Next, we will be gathering data on how many applications have been received and how many of those individuals secure jobs.
 - The next Disability Industry Career Expo will be held in VMRC's catchment area on June 15th.
 - The website is starting to be built out; more service providers are joining and adding their information (www.dspcollaborative.org). Additionally, ACRC and VMRC are seeking applicants to fill open positions, as well as growth positions.
- Last week, the Assembly held its last budget hearing for our service system. We await the May Revise, which will be released later this week. The State of California extended the tax deadline to October, so it is difficult for the Department of Finance to estimate the state's revenues. There will be areas where funding will not be as robust, but Ms. Banales remains hopeful; she will share more information at the May 25th Board meeting.
- At the Board meeting later this month, Ms. Banales will be sharing the dashboard indicators for the quarter ending March 31, 2023. She has asked that modifications be made to this dashboard, which include:
 - Removing the vaccination data, which is no longer tracked by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).
 - Changing how the client caseloads are presented. She is proposing keeping the 0-2 category and then breaking out 3-5, and then 6-17, which will provide an opportunity to track client trends for development of additional 1:40 caseloads.
 - Under "Services Purchased for Clients", the categories will be expanded to display services with highest funding.
- ACRC is holding a public meeting on Monday, May 15th, at noon, to discuss the 637 process to waive the median rates for Early Start providers who offer Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT) and Speech Therapy.
 - This meeting will be held via Zoom to gather input from the community.
 - We are hopeful that ACRC will receive approval from DDS.

4. **Closed Session** – at 4:48 p.m. the Executive Committee adjourned to executive session in order to discuss personnel issues.

5. **Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion** – at 5:06 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, June 12, 2023**.
The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales