

Alta California Regional Center  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, July 11, 2022  
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

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Carmen Aguilar\*, Member-at-Large

**Board Members:**

Johnny Deng  
Patty Wallace

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk

**Visitors:**

Maureen Fitzgerald

**Staff:**

Lori Banales, Executive Director  
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Financial Officer  
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake  
& Clinical Services  
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client  
Services  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 4:38 p.m. by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) President's Report; and 2) Executive Director's Report.

- *No announcements/comments were shared.*

**Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of June 13, 2022 as submitted.**

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

- Mr. Lake shared that the Board committee assignments will be sent out to Board members. Kelly Pennington volunteered to be the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Representative and he will be the alternate.
  - Please contact him if you want any revisions to your assignment(s).
- A reminder – the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Conflict of Interest (COI) statements will be due at the beginning of August. Ms. West will be following up with Board members to make sure these are completed this month.

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

- Ms. Banales expressed appreciation to Board members for holding the special session Board meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup>. ACRC has received approval of the Social Recreation Activities, Camp and Non-Medical Therapies Service Policy from DDS. We are moving forward with trainings for staff and service providers, and will continue implementing our outreach plan. Regional centers are working together and sharing information as camps are vendored in their catchment areas.

- Governor Newsom signed the 2022-23 fiscal year's (FY's) budget and we are waiting for DDS to release the trailer bill language, which will provide guidance to regional centers. Ms. Banales will continue to share more information with the Board as specifics come forward. She highlighted that the budget includes:
  - The expansion of Early Start eligibility – qualification threshold has been changed from 33% delay to a 25% delay in one of the specified assessment areas, separating communication delay assessments into expressive and receptive categories. This change will increase the number of children that are served, causing regional centers concern about the availability of needed resources and service providers; this is an issue statewide.
  - Policy position – Early Start liaisons for each regional center. Quarterly reviews will also be required in Early Start.
  - Caseloads for children three to five years of age will be brought down to 1:40; allowing regional center staff to be more present as clients/families learn about our service system.
  - 851 new Service Coordinator (SC) positions statewide – this creates opportunities to look at recruitment efforts.
  - Tuition reimbursement – regional centers will be able to offer support to staff who are wishing to obtain a Bachelor's Degree or higher (maximum \$10,000 per year/for up to three years; \$30,000 total).
  - Remote Individual Program Plan (IPP)/Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) meetings will continue through June 30, 2023.
    - It is important to note that this option is at the will of the client/family, not the SC.
  - Tailored day services can be provided in combination with day programs, but not on the same day as other day programs.
  - The elimination of half-day billing for service providers.
  - Alternative services will end on December 31<sup>st</sup>. We will work towards a "warm shut down".
  - Workforce stabilization – opportunities for direct support professionals (DSPs) to receive training stipends and internships.
  - Canyon Springs can continue to accept clients through June 2023.
    - It would not be in community's best interest for this facility to close.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 12, 2022**. The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Lori Banales