

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2024
Minutes

Present:

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

Absent: (* excused)

Steven Sanchez*, Secretary
Carmen Aguilar, Member-at-Large

Board Members:

EunMi Cho
Johnny Deng

Facilitator:

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
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, September 9, 2024, at 4:28 p.m. 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 July 8, 2024, as submitted.

1. *President's Report*

- Mr. Lake expressed appreciation for Ms. Pennington's work in making the ARCA Academy Training a success this past weekend.
- ACRC was required to resubmit Ms. Armstrong's Conflict of Interest Mitigation Plan to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). He noted that it is identical to last year's and will be included in the September Board packet.

2. *Executive Director's Report*

- Ms. Banales reiterated that Ms. Pennington was tremendous at the ARCA Academy, helping delegates feel comfortable and welcome.
- She acknowledged the amount of work that Mr. Ahmad's team has put into lifting ACRC's new case management system. Atlas went live last Thursday and although there are a few bumps in the road, we have systems in place to make sure that questions are answered. The intuitiveness of Atlas will be great for our agency, as well as our community.

- As of Friday, September 6th, Nancy Bargmann retired as Director of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and Brian Winfield has retired from his position as Chief Deputy Director. Michi Gates has transitioned into the Chief Deputy Director's position, and Mr. Winfield will be back in January 2025 working on special projects. Pete Cervinka has been named Acting Director of DDS and attended the ARCA Academy this past last weekend. Dr. Mark Ghaly, Secretary of California's Health & Human Services Agency (DHHS), has announced his resignation effective at the end of the month and Kim Johnson has been named the Interim Director for DHHS. Ms. Banales remains hopeful that these transitions will be smooth.
- She is happy to announce the signing of the lease for ACRC's new Sacramento office location – we are looking forward to a spring move in.
- Today, ACRC hosted a legislative tour, where participants learned about subminimum wage transition to Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE), housing supports, and affordable housing set aside units. ACRC staff shines bright when hosting legislative staffers, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), etc. As our agency sits here in the Capitol, it remains our charge, our responsibility and our pleasure.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 15, 2024**. The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales