

The Arc of Amador and Calaveras
Special Board Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2020

This meeting was held remotely due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

BOARD:

Marilyn Sibillia
Josef Bisagno
Eric Figel
Dawn Burcio
Grant Reynolds
Graciella Hurtado

ABSENT:

Lynn Thompson
Anna Newman
Jacquelyn Fletcher

MANAGERS:

Karyn Gregorius, E.D.
Ileshia Knigge, SEP Director
Lurali Moore, DoO
Ericka Beltran, CS Director Calaveras
Kim Vinciguerra, CS Director Amador

Meeting called to order by Grant R. at 5:38 PM.

Motion to approve the Agenda made by Dawn B. and seconded by Marilyn S. Passed unanimously.

Day Program Facility Re-Opening Plan: The Arc's day programs are currently providing services to consumers using remote and approved alternative service delivery (currently not providing in-person services in our facilities) due to the ongoing State of Emergency related to the COVID -19 pandemic. Consumers have been surveyed and a large majority have expressed a desire to return to the facilities for day program services.

On September 30, 2020 the CA Department of Social Services Community Care licensing released Provider Information Notice (PIN 20-33-ASC) titled Adult Day Program COVID 19 Guidelines. The PIN included guidance for Adult Day Programs in the areas of Prevention and Containment Measures; Isolation Procedures for Positive COVID-19 Test Results; Reopening Strategies; Guidance on Activities and Visitation; Resources; and a Client Fact Sheet.

On October 1, 2020, the CA Department of Social Services Community Care licensing released Provider Information Notice (PIN 20-35-ASC) titled Influenza or "FLU" Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019, and Pneumonia in Adult Day Programs. The PIN provides information for Adult Day Program licensees related to the prevention, mitigation, and containment of the flu, COVID-19, and pneumonia based on the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and California Department of Public Health guidance. The PIN includes a Client Fact Sheet; Sign and Symptoms of Flu, COVID-19 and Pneumonia; Prevention (vaccinations); Testing; and Treatment Measures.

The Arc's COVID Protection Plan has been updated to based guidance included in the PINs. The updated plan has been submitted to the Amador and Calaveras County Public Health Officers. As of this meeting, the Amador County Public Health Officer has approved the plan. The Calaveras County Public Health Officer has resigned and the county is in the process of filling the position. Karyn will continue to follow-up with Calaveras County Public Health.

Discussion took place regarding various reopening strategies. It was noted that local public schools plan to reopen in mid- November with a "hybrid" online learning and staggered attendance model with students attending classes on-site two days per week (some special education cohorts and elementary school students are beginning in-facility instruction earlier). An adult day program in Sonora opened with limited capacity this month.

Currently, both Amador and Calaveras Counties remain in the moderate county risk level (orange) on the state's 4-tier COVID-19 system.

A plan was proposed to begin reopening the week of December 1, 2020 with consumers attending program one day per week each and attendance spread over 4 days (Monday through Thursday). Capacity will be limited to no more than 50% of licensed capacity per day (22 consumers Amador/20 consumers Calaveras)

Facilities would be closed on Fridays for deep-cleaning and class preparation. Consumers would be in program from 9am to 1pm. Consumers would stay together with an instructor in a small group (4-5 people) for the program time to limit exposure. Remote and alternative services would continue to be offered Monday through Friday with some remote weekend participation opportunities. Consumer participation in in-person, in-facility services is voluntary. Consumers, along with their planning team, are to determine which service delivery or combination of service deliveries work best for the consumer.

In January, in-facility consumer attendance would increase to two days per week if COVID-19 spread conditions allow. Consumers would be in program from 9am to 1pm. Capacity will be limited to no more than 50% of licensed capacity per day (22 consumers Amador/20 consumers Calaveras). Consumers would stay together with an instructor in a small group (4-5 people) for the program time to limit exposure. Remote and alternative services would continue to be offered Monday through Friday with some remote weekend participation opportunities. Consumer participation in in-person, in-facility services is voluntary. Consumers, along with their planning team, are to determine which service delivery or combination of service deliveries work best for the consumer.

The plan would be adjusted as the COVID -19 conditions in the county changes or if the State of Emergency is lifted.

It was recommended that the Board of Directors revisit the plan as needed and at the end of January to make further plans.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed plan. Dawn B. made a motion to approve the proposed plan (contingent upon each county staying in the moderate county risk level (orange)). Graciella H. seconded. Passed Unanimously. Karyn will present the plan to the local health departments, Valley Mountain Regional Center and Community Care Licensing to ensure that it meets with their guidelines.

Public Comments: Correspondence was received from the Mule Creek State Prison (MCSP) Employee Association. They would like to hold a virtual run and name The Arc of Amador and Calaveras as a beneficiary. The event would be administered by Eventbrite. The Arc would be the fiscal sponsor designated to receive the funds. The proceeds are expected to be \$23 per participant. The employee association would like to split the proceeds with Arc: \$10-MCSP Employee Association; \$13- Arc.

Motion to accept MCSP Employee Association's offer to coordinate a virtual run to benefit The Arc of Amador and Calaveras with The Arc serving as fiscal sponsor and beneficiary splitting the proceeds under the terms described made by Dawn B. and seconded by Graciella H. Passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM made by Dawn B. and seconded by Graciella H. Passed unanimously.