

**ACQ Special Board of Director's Meeting Notes**  
**May 2, 2024**  
**8:30-10:00**

Participants: Tracy Perry, Lisa Blue, Daniel Ekman, Siri Guru Nam Khalsa, Scott Doan, Susan Forbes, Angelique Tafoya, April Spaulding, Valerie Dewbre, Judy Sena, Jim Copeland, Ann Marie Parmenter, Clara Hardgrave, Denise Balderas, Roel Adamson, Michelle Harmon, Shana Heath, Winton Wood, Vashad Frink, Chris Leroi, Wendy Corry

- 1) Update provided on a meeting with HSD Cabinet Sec. Armijo and the Therapy Provider Network.
  - Participants at the meeting were very impressed with Sec. Armijo and her staff. She was well-prepared, listened attentively, brought her senior leaders, and promised further action.
  - Other ACQ BOD members expressed recent positive interactions with the Sec.
  - ADDCP is organizing a provider meeting with Sec. Armijo.
  
- 2) Update provided on positive interactions with DDSD Interim Dir. Jennifer Rodriguez.
  - A provider met with Interim Dir. Rodriguez in her recently announced one-on-one meetings and it was very productive.
  - Other ACQ members reported positive meetings with Interim Dir. Rodriguez and her staff. There is a renewed sense of hope and optimism although there is still a lot of work to be done.
  
- 3) Discussion on the letters sent to Sec. Armijo and the Governor's Office.
  - The ACQ Exec. Comm. each shared their views and actions regarding the drafting and sending of the letters.
  - There were clear differences of opinion about the letters involving tone, who to send it from, the procedure if it appears to be sent by the full ACQ or the Exec. Comm., etc.
  - The Exec. Comm. felt a sense of urgency to send the letters. Discussion on how to incorporate the full ACQ BOD next time.
  - Different styles of advocacy were noted.
  - ACQ BOD members shared their responses (both positive and negative) about the process for how the letters were sent.
  - Agreement that everyone has the same intention, to improve the lives of people with disabilities by having clear communication, speaking up when necessary, etc.
  
- 3) A request was made to re-energize the ACQ sub-committees as this is an important avenue for providing input and getting work done.
  
- 4) Recommendations on how to proceed moving forward for future actions.
  - Call a special BOD meeting to discuss any needed action so the entire BOD can have input.
  - Ask which BOD members would like to have their signature on a letter.
  - Send two different letters depending on people's viewpoints.

- ACQ BOD members have the authority already to make a proposal for an action and call for a vote on an action during the ACQ meetings. It is not just on the Exec. Comm. to initiate an action.