

Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, October 28, 2021

**Present:** Allison Hillix, Beverly Fontaine, Tamera Leighton, Mike Sawyer, Will Lewis

**RCRC Staff Present:** Kim Orsi: Executive Assistant, Jonathan Padilla: Director of Community Services, Dr. Kim Smalley: Executive Director

**Others Present:** Enrique Ulloa: Spanish Translator

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions:** T. Leighton called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m., called roll call of the Executive Committee and introductions.
2. **Review Start-Up Contract between RCRC and the University of New Hampshire-Institute on Disability Effective November 1, 2021:** T. Leighton reported that the purpose of this meeting is a matter of urgency for the Executive Committee to review followed by action to approve the contract between RCRC and the University of New Hampshire-Institute on Disability on behalf of the full board.

Minor recommendations/corrections were requested that include clarification of acronyms I/DD (Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities), START Program (The Systemic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Resource Treatment Program) and CSS (Center for START Services).

Discussion continued regarding the purpose and need of the service model that will be provided through this contract and reported that six regional centers in California are currently providing these services through similar contracts. J. Padilla reported that the START service model is for individuals with severe and profound challenges and focuses on a broader aspect to help identify a service delivery system for behavioral and mental health support needs and will bring services to our catchment area through a Request for Proposal process.

Dr. Smalley also added that the Department of Developmental Services (as well as State legislature) has researched and is providing funding for the START Program to assist with these unmet service needs throughout the state. <https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/crisis-safety-net-services/start-program/> (see attachment)

J. Padilla will forward to K. Orsi an Overview for the START Program that will be forwarded to the full board as well as information regarding a survey that RCRC is conducting in partnership with the Center for START Services (CSS) at the University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability. A future presentation on the START Program will be provided during a future board meeting.

T. Leighton called for a motion as a matter of urgency to approve this contract:

**M/S/C: B. Fontaine (A. Hillix) motioned, on behalf of the full board as a matter of urgency, the Executive Committee approves the contract with recommended changes between RCRC and the University of New Hampshire-Institute on Disability effective November 1, 2021.**

3. **Close the Meeting:** T. Leighton adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

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