

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2015
Minutes

Present:

Modean Gibson, President
Brendan Peacock, Vice President
Cindy Benson, Secretary & ARCA-
CAC Rep.
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair
Walter Kaweski, ARCA Rep

Board members:

Steven Sanchez (via phone)

Facilitators:

Larry Prosser

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
Peter Tiedemann, Chief Operating
Officer
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met at 3:31 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) President's Comments; 3) Board Development Committee Update; 4) Executive Director's Comments; and 5) Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

1. ***State Budget Update***

Issue: The committee needs to review the Governor's State Budget.

Discussion and Action: The Department of Developmental Services (DDS') "Governor's Budget Highlights" was distributed for review. Mr. Bonnet shared that the department will be reallocating money for this fiscal year (FY); an additional \$110.8 million that reflects changes in caseload and utilization due to updated population and expenditure data. There is also additional growth funding for our service system for the 2015-16 FY.

The proposed budget includes additional funding for the Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) at Fairview and Porterville Developmental Centers (DCs). There will be opportunities for additional funding coming out of the Developmental Services (DS) Taskforce; provider rates and rate structures are being looked at.

The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) has joined the Lanterman Coalition in asking the legislature for a 10% across-the-board funding increase now, and 5% increases yearly, until funding for provider rates and regional center agencies are reformed. They have simplified their message this year to one single critical goal – the "10 for 10".

ARCA's Grassroots Day is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th. If anyone is interested in representing ACRC at this event, please contact Ms. West.

- **Information only.**
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**change in agenda was noted*

Without objection, Modean Gibson made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of November 3, 2014 as amended.

2. ***President's Comments***

- Ms. Gibson shared that Nasim Hedayati will be joining the Finance Committee.

3. ***Board Development Committee (BDC) Update***

- Mr. Peacock shared that a member of the BDC has suggested that we bring new Board members on in July so that training can happen in a group setting. We would need to change the bylaws to reflect this practice. He noted that, if necessary, we could always bring someone on mid-year, but July would be the preferred month. The BDC has implemented the Board manuals and the mentoring program. Mr. Peacock is seeking input from this committee.
 - The BDC will need to be flexible; if the Board has a need, then exceptions can be made.
 - Some members thought it was a good idea, while others believe it may cause problems in interviewing candidates at the end of the FY.
 - The thought is that the BDC's energy can be more focused – there will be a certain timeframe when the BDC will be focusing on recruitment.
- The BDC continues to monitor the Board's demographic grid and determine areas of need. Mr. Peacock shared that they are working to maintain a balance.
- The new Community Comments Plan was implemented at the last Board meeting. The committee continued to discuss this plan and it was decided that the Board Chair will acknowledge comments from the public prior to the Board taking action on any item.

4. ***Executive Director's Comments***

- ACRC ended the 2014 calendar year with 72 Fair Hearing (FH) requests; 21 regarding eligibility and 51 regarding services. Only eight cases ended up before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); six decisions supported ACRC's position, one supported the claimant's position, and the other was a split decision (granted in part, denied in part). So far this calendar year, we have received one FH request for services.
 - Suggestion was made to have a Board Training on the Eligibility/Intake Process at this year's September Retreat.
- Mr. Bonnet shared that the agency's new website is still being developed. We want to make sure the content is current and that we have all of the releases for the pictures that we will be posting.

5. ***Announcements***

- Ms. Benson sold four pieces of artwork at ACRC's Holiday Art Sale in December.

- Mr. Kaweski shared that one of the students at California State University, Sacramento had to research a transition agency and Mr. Bonnet was gracious enough to meet with him and answer some questions in December.
- Mr. Kaweski is a member of the newly formed ARCA Equity Committee, who will be contracting with a research company. He will share the committee's progress with the Board.

The next Executive Committee meetings are scheduled on **Monday, February 9, 2015**, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet