

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, January 14, 2019
Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, President
Rita Walker, Vice President
Amy Lampe, Secretary
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair

Absent: (* excused)

Austin Taylor*, ARCA-CAC Rep

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Board Members:

Eric Ciampa
Romilda Jones
Paul Platner
Michelle Rewerts
Steven Sanchez (via phone)
Yang Sun (via phone)
Retha Seabron

Staff:

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

The Executive Committee met at 5:34 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2019, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) New Business; 3) Policy Review; 4) Committee Reports; 5) President's Report; 6) Executive Director's Report; and 7) Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

1. ***State Budget Update***

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

Discussion and Action: On Thursday, January 10th, Governor Newsom released the proposed budget for the state's upcoming 2018-19 fiscal year (FY). The budget includes:

- An increase of close to a half million dollars to the statewide service system. The Governor is projecting that the number of individuals with developmental disabilities served by regional centers will grow to nearly 350,000.
- For caseload and utilization – Operations (OPS) increase of \$30 million and Purchase of Services (POS) increase of \$370 million.

Mr. Bonnet reminded those present that this is the base budget and it will likely change before the May Revision is released.

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is interested in making sure that the clients that moved out of Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) are safe. Their expectation for the specialized ARFPSHN and EBSH/CCHP homes is that

ACRC staff will be present on a daily basis. A nurse is also visiting clients to help oversee things.

It's important to note that the proposed budget includes an additional \$8.1 million and 54 position to DDS so that they can restructure the organization and realign resources to achieve efficient and effective system-wide improvements to better serve Californians in the developmental disabilities services system.

- **Information only.**

****Steven Sanchez & Yang Sun left the meeting***

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of November 5, 2018 as submitted.

**Mr. Lake noted that the Policy Review item will be deferred to the February committee meeting.*

2. **New Business**

- Possible Conflict of Interest (COI) Issue
 - Mr. Platner has a grandson that is 21 years of age; his family needs to start planning for his adult years. Currently, he and his wife are also caring for her mother and they need a different place to live so they are looking at options in the Grass Valley area. One option is the co-housing model – smaller units and larger common areas. He is meeting with various individuals to learn more about this opportunity – it's in the "concept" phase right now.
 - Board members COI forms are reviewed annually or if at any time their circumstances change.
 - There needs to be an ongoing dialogue.
 - It's important to note that Board members should not use their position as an ACRC Board member in any way during the development of a project that may serve individuals using regional center funds.
 - The Board must look at clear conflicts, as well as perceived conflicts.
 - **Mr. Platner will complete an updated COI statement and will provide the Board with periodic updates.**

3. **Policy Review**

- The "Nondiscrimination in Services" Policy will be reviewed at the February meeting.

4. **Committee Reports**

- Board Development Committee (BDC)
 - The group revised the interview questions for Board applicants.

- They set the Board Sponsored Training topic for March – facilitation.
- Discussed a few ideas for training topics for the May Board Training. Succession planning and forward thinking will be part of that discussion.
- Personnel Committee
 - The group is waiting to review the new Executive Directors salary survey, which is scheduled to be released in February. They also want to wait until after the current Union negotiations are completed.
- Facilitation/Support
 - No report was provided.

5. ***President's Report***

- No comments were shared.

6. ***Executive Director's Report***

- In 2018, ACRC received 56 Fair Hearing (FH) requests. Twelve cases were decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); nine supported ACRC's position, one supported the claimant's position and the other two were split decisions (granted in part, denied in part).

7. ***Announcements***

- No announcements were shared.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 11, 2019**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet