

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
Minutes

Present:

Brendan Peacock, President
Dan Lake, Vice President
Jacqueline Armstrong, Secretary
Cindy Benson, ARCA-CAC Rep

Facilitators:

Ed Plon
Larry Prosser

Board members:

Jon Nelson

Absent: (* excused)

Anwar Safvi*, Finance Comm. Chair
Walter Kaweski*, ARCA Rep

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) Board Development Committee Update; 3) President's Comments; 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 special session of our State's legislature has not ended, but they have discontinued meeting. Sadly, fourteen months of advocacy effort seems to have netted zero for our statewide system. Mr. Bonnet shared that ACRC has hired several new employees with the Operations (OPS) money budgeted for growth positions, but we still have many vacant positions. Next week, we will be going into a wage reopener with the collective bargaining unit. Our Purchase of Services (POS) budget did receive a \$13 million supplement and it appears that it may make up for our shortfall for the last fiscal year (FY). Mr. Bonnet reminded everyone that our expenditures are contingent on our clients Individual Program Plans (IPPs).

The Governor is relying on a new Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax so that Medi-Cal and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) do not get a \$1 billion funding cut next FY. Mr. Bonnet believes that our advocacy efforts need to remain a priority.

The overall response from our staff is positive. Mr. Bonnet remains committed to keeping all of the services in place for our clients, while securing funding for ACRC's staff and service providers.

- **Information only.**
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Without objection, Brendan Peacock made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of September 14, 2015 as submitted.

2. Board Development Committee (BDC) Update

- Everyone in attendance attended the BDC meeting, therefore no update was given.

3. President's Comments

- Mr. Peacock is excited to be attending his first Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) meeting in San Diego on Thursday and Friday, October 15th & 16th.

4. Executive Director's Comments

- So far this calendar year, ACRC has received 64 Fair Hearing (FH) requests; 20 regarding eligibility and 44 regarding services. As of today, we have not had any cases go before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). Last year, we received 72 FH requests. Eight cases were heard by 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). Robin Black, ACRC's Legal Services Manager, remains committed to being fair when working with clients and families to resolve these issues.

5. Announcements

- Ms. Benson will be going on a cruise in November.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 9, 2015**, at 5 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet