

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2016
Minutes

Present:

Brendan Peacock, President
Dan Lake, Vice President
Jacqueline Armstrong, Secretary
Walter Kaweski, ARCA Rep
Cindy Benson, ARCA-CAC Rep (via
phone)

Absent: (* excused)

Anwar Safvi*, Finance Comm. Chair

Board Members:

Janet Brandon
Rita Walker

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director (via
phone)
Peter Tiedemann, Chief Operating
Officer
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met at 5:08 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) Conflict of Interest Policy and Bylaw Change; 3) Board Development Committee Update; 4) President's Comments; 5) Executive Director's Comments; and 6) Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Brendan Peacock made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of January 11, 2016 as submitted.

1. ***State Budget Update***

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

Discussion and Action: Mr. Bonnet shared that Governor Brown's proposed 2016-17 State Budget includes additional funding for regional center population growth, the minimum wage increase, and hiring Service Coordinators (SCs) to assist with the ever increasing caseload ratios.

Secretary Diana Dooley has requested input regarding specific areas of need, and has made it clear that at this time, the administration does not support a straight across the board increase. In the meantime, the Lanterman Coalition continues to push for a wage increase for all service providers.

Mr. Tiedemann attended the Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA's) Finance Committee where John Doyle, with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), shared that the Managed Care Organization (MCO) Reform is not moving as fast as people once thought it would. The department is doing research on what it will cost to process any increases across the system.

If the MCO Reform is not passed, there could be massive decreases to all of California's Health & Human Services Agency's Programs. Mr. Bonnet clarified that this is a continuation of a "tax" that is supposed to sunset on June 30th.

- **Information only.**

2. ***Conflict of Interest Policy & Bylaw Change***

Issue: The committee needs to review the proposed changes to the Conflict of Interest Policy and bylaws.

Discussion and Action: A copy of the proposed revisions to ACRC's Conflict of Interest Policy was distributed for review.

Mr. Peacock believes that it is important to make sure our bylaws and policies are not more restrictive than the law.

- **Information only.**

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

- No update was provided.

4. ***President's Comments***

- In acknowledgement of the good things that are happening in the communities that we serve, Mr. Peacock would like to suggest that the Board recognize the efforts of some of our partners. This could be done occasionally.
 - The Board will need to give some thought as to whether we should consider this – there may be pros and cons to this idea.

5. ***Executive Director's Comments***

- Last year, we received 79 Fair Hearing (FH) requests and had three cases decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). All decisions supported ACRC's position. So far this calendar year, ACRC has received four FH requests; all regarding services. We have received one decision from OAH which also supported ACRC's position.

6. ***Announcements***

- Mr. Kaweski plans to attend Cal-TASH's 33rd Annual Conference on February 26th & 27th, at the Embassy Suites in Sacramento. He will bring information back to share with the Board.
- Ms. Armstrong started taking Tae Kwon Do classes and she is enjoying them!
- Mr. Kaweski is a member of the Sierra Nevada Winds, who just received a prestigious award, along with the Boston Symphony.

7. ***Closed Session*** – at 5:41 p.m. the Executive Committee adjourned to executive session in order to discuss personnel issues.

8. ***Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion*** – at 6:53 p.m. the Executive Committee reconvened in open session following a closed session in which personnel issues were discussed.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 14, 2016**, at 5 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet