

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2015
Minutes

Present:

Modean Gibson, President
Brendan Peacock, Vice President
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair
Walter Kaweski, ARCA Rep

Board members:

Nasim Hedayati
Jon Nelson
Steven Sanchez (via phone)

Absent: (* excused)

Cindy Benson*, Secretary & ARCA-
CAC Rep.

Staff:

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

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

The Executive Committee met at 3:13 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 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: Mr. Bonnet shared that the Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA's) Grassroots Day is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th. As in years past, ACRC will be sending a large delegation to the State Capitol to help educate our legislators about what regional centers are all about.

The Lanterman Coalition's "10 for 10" will be part of this year's campaign. Including regional center's Operations (OPS) budgets in this push is critical. Recruitment, as well as competing with state jobs, is becoming an issue for our center and others.

Mr. Bonnet attended the confirmation hearing of Santi Rogers last Tuesday. He was unanimously passed on to the full Senate for confirmation. During his questioning, Mr. Rogers was asked about the developmental centers and there was no announcement of any more closures. The other part of the discussion was about the Purchase of Services (POS) variance. Questions were asked as to why you cannot get the same specific services across the state. Regional centers would like the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to analyze this data.

ACRC plans on holding two POS Variance Meetings; one at ACRC's Harvard office on Monday, March 16th, and one in South Sacramento on Wednesday, March 18th.

ARCA has prepared a "white paper" entitled "On the Brink of Collapse – the Consequences of Underfunding California's Developmental Services System". Although Mr. Bonnet remains concerned about provider rates across the state, it's important to note that California has an entitlement to services, where many states have waiting lists.

- **Information only.**

Without objection, Modean Gibson made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of January 12, 2015 as presented.

2. *Board Development Committee (BDC) Update*

- Mr. Peacock shared that the BDC continues to monitor the Board's demographic grid and determine our areas of need.
- The committee reviewed ACRC's Code of Conduct Policy, which will be included in the monthly Board packets as an informational item.

3. *President's Comments*

- Ms. Gibson expressed appreciation for all of the work that the committees accomplish.
- She read aloud a thank you note from the family that the Board adopted during the holidays.
- With the bylaw change that was approved last year, Ms. Gibson, as Board President, will be choosing three members to form the Nominating Committee. This group will be drafting a slate of Board Officers that will be mailed out to everyone in May for the June elections.

4. *Executive Director's Comments*

- So far this calendar year, ACRC has received seven Fair Hearing (FH) requests; one regarding eligibility and six regarding services. No cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH).
- Consistently, the calls that come into the Board Hotline are case management related. Mr. Bonnet would like to propose a way for the public to contact the Board, when needed, through our new website.
 - Committee members are in agreement.
- ACRC's Client Advisory Committee (CAC) has made a commitment to visit Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) on a yearly basis. When this committee meets tomorrow, Mr. Bonnet will be proposing Tuesday, May 12th, as the day that a group from this agency goes to visit the clients who reside there.

5. *Announcements*

- Mr. Kaweski shared that he is a member of ARCA's Equity Committee. This group is in the process of finding a research agency that will assist in finding out why we are not getting individuals signed up for services. They are also looking

for solutions. He will continue to bring information to this Board. If you have any information that you would like him to share with this group, please let him know.

The next Executive Committee meetings are scheduled on **Monday, March 9, 2015**, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet