

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2019
Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, President
Rita Walker, Vice President
Amy Lampe, Secretary
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair
Austin Taylor, ARCA-CAC Rep (via phone)

Board Members:

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

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk
Cheryl Worthley

Staff:

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

The Executive Committee met at 5:17 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2019, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) Committee/Workgroup Reports; 3) President's Report; 4) Executive Director's Report; 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 proposed budget includes nearly \$8 billion for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), of which \$3 billion is coming from the federal government. This is a critical part of our funding stream, so concern remains about a federal deficit.

Two weeks ago, ACRC hosted a statewide briefing about the data gathered by Burns & Associates from the recent rate study. Overall, it appears that they are suggesting that the state spend nearly \$2 billion on increased rates for service providers. They also believe that the department should consider weighted rates for those services that meet the waiver requirements (services in inclusive settings). Some providers are pleased with the results, while others remain concerned. Burns & Associates are suggesting substantial increases for some providers, while others may see slight decreases.

Mr. Ciampa shared that some providers are concerned about the model as a whole. Overall, it might be the right dollar amount, but we need to make sure we get it right. This is why service providers across the state are asking for an 8% across the board increase – the need is there. DDS has delayed the

announcement of the written report to March 15th. Formal public comments will be taken until Friday, April 5th.

On Wednesday, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee held their first hearing and discussed the proposed 54 new positions for DDS' restructuring. While these positions are designated to provide regional center oversight, some centers remain concerned. DDS plans to open a Southern California branch office on the Fairview Developmental Center grounds. There is also concern about the significant percent of individuals that they may hire from regional centers. The proposal includes Board trainings, as well.

DRC (Disability Rights California) has several proposals affecting regional centers that may end up as trailer bill language. Another group, Disability Voices United (DVU), supports the Self-Determination Program (SDP).

Mr. Bonnet believes that we should be strongly supporting rate reform for our service providers. The Legislative Analyst's Office analysis of the proposed 2019-20 DDS budget also questions whether California needs additional regional centers.

The Senate hearing is at the beginning of May. A lot will be happening before the May Revise comes out.

- **Information only.**

****Yang Sun left the meeting***

**change in agenda was noted*

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of February 11, 2019 as submitted.

2. Committee/Workgroup Reports

- Board Development Committee (BDC)
 - The Board's May Training will be held at ACRC's Roseville office. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and then the group will begin discussions about succession planning and setting a road map for the agency's future.
 - The committee's recommendation is that the Board no longer hold trainings prior to Board meetings. We will continue with our plans for the March discussion regarding facilitation, but then the Board will focus on the annual May and September Trainings.
 - The group approved the Slate of Officers for the upcoming fiscal year (FY).
- Personnel Committee
 - The group is still waiting on a document regarding regional center Executive Director's salaries.

- A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th.

3. **President's Report**

- Mr. Lake encouraged Board members to attend the Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA's) Grassroots Day at the State Capitol on Wednesday, April 3rd.

4. **Executive Director's Report**

- This calendar year, ACRC has received nine Fair Hearing (FH) requests; three regarding eligibility and six regarding services. Two cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); both supported ACRC's position.
- ACRC will be holding our annual Purchase of Service Expenditure Data Meetings on Wednesday, March 13th, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 20th, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Staff will be discussing the agency's ongoing efforts in reaching out to the community. Mr. Bonnet encourages Board members to attend one of these meetings, if possible.
 - A few years ago, DDS contracted with the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles to research why there is disparity. The department will release a summary at the end of March; it will not be center specific.

5. **Announcements**

- No announcements were shared.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 13, 2019**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet