

Alta California Regional Center  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, March 12, 2018  
Minutes

**Present:**

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

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk  
Larry Prosser

**Board Members:**

Eric Ciampa  
Romilda Jones (via phone)  
Michelle Rewerts

**Staff:**

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

The Executive Committee met at 5:39 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2018, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) New Business; 3) Committee Reports; 4) President's Report; 5) Executive Director's Report; and 6) 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 behalf of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), Mr. Bonnet attended the first Assembly Budget Subcommittee Hearing last Wednesday.

Items on the agenda included:

- The admission process for Porterville Developmental Center.
- The rate study, commissioned by DDS. Burns & Associates, Inc. is trying to develop a rate structure that will identify where California provider rates are and where they need to be.
- Assemblymember Holden's bill which will potentially bring more money into our statewide service system to offer assistance to providers that are in high cost areas.
- The "safety net" that is being developed with the closure of the institutions. Mr. Bonnet believes there will be significant funding to help increase and enhance our system's "safety net".
- Disparity – a lot of people suggest that the removal of the cap on respite would improve the disparity numbers.
- The reimplementing of the Uniform Holiday Schedule. Providers are concerned with these forced days without pay.

- Raising the age of eligibility for regional center services from 18 to 22 years of age. This change would be a cost pressure on the statewide service system.
- DDS' request for additional clinical staff.
- Funding for Best Buddies came up again as a line item in the budget.

The Senate will be meeting on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, and will continue to discuss these issues. The May Revise will then be released and then hearings will continue.

Just this morning, ACRC had two of our staff at one of the Bay Area regional centers offering assistance with their plans of moving individuals out of the developmental centers.

The Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA's) Grassroots Day is scheduled for next Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

- **Information only.**
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**Without objection, Rita Walker made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of January 8, 2018 and February 2, 2018 as submitted.**

## 2. ***New Business***

- Review DDS Board Composition Letter and discussion on meeting goals.
  - Mr. Bonnet discussed this in great detail during the Board Development Committee meeting earlier today.
- Update on Respite Services Policy required by DDS
  - DDS wanted regional centers to include the exception portion of their procedure in their agency's Board Policy. ACRC submitted our revised Respite Policy to the department. Services remain individually driven based upon needs.
    - This item will be discussed in more detail at this week's ARCA meeting.
- Policy Review & Discussion (information)
  - ACRC's "Definitions and Relationship of Board Policy and Operational Procedure" Policy was distributed for review.
  - This committee has been reviewing a policy at each meeting.
- Discussion on agenda details on future agendas (how detailed should they be?)
  - Putting together agendas is a craft/skill. The purpose of the agenda is to make sure committee members come prepared; there may be items that need to be voted on. Also, it is a way to inform the community about what is going on; transparency is key. There is a balance to this process.

- Mr. Lake would like to know how we are doing (e.g., Are the agendas complete enough? Do you understand what we might take a vote on? Are we giving the community enough information?).
  - It was noted that for community members, the broader the better.
  - If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions, please let Mr. Lake know.
- Goal development for 2018 discussion and plan if needed
  - Suggestion to discuss this at the September Retreat.

### 3. **Committee Reports**

- Board Development Committee (BDC)
  - Ms. Walker shared that the BDC passed a motion to move the May training/meeting to Woodland (Yolo County). The full Board will consider this recommendation at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting.
  - At the March Board meeting, Board members will be asked to fill out a form for the Nominating Committee.
- Personnel Committee
  - Ms. Walker shared that if Mr. Lake feels better, he and Mr. Taylor will be meeting with Mr. Bonnet tomorrow afternoon to give him his annual evaluation.

### 4. **President's Report**

- Mr. Lake would like to express his appreciation for everyone's thoughts and well-wishes while he has been sick.

### 5. **Executive Director's Report**

- Last year, ACRC received 81 Fair Hearing (FH) requests. This calendar year, we have received 12; one regarding eligibility and eleven regarding services. We have not received any decisions from the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). Mr. Bonnet is finding that sometimes it's best for a judge to make the call, even though the decisions are not precedent setting.

### 6. **Announcements**

- No announcements were shared.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 14, 2018**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Phil Bonnet