

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2019
Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, President
Amy Lampe, Secretary
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair

Absent: (* excused)

Rita Walker*, Vice President
Austin Taylor, ARCA-CAC Rep

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Board Members:

Eric Ciampa
Paul Platner
Michelle Rewerts (via phone)
Steven Sanchez (via phone)
Retha Seabron

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Financial Officer
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met at 5:21 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2019, 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.

1. ***State Budget Update***

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

Discussion and Action: Mr. Bonnet shared that the budget deal is done; the California State Legislature has been working on it throughout the weekend. There is no restoration of the suspended services. The additional \$5 million that was to go towards Safety Net Services was not appropriated. Intermediate Care Facilities, primarily funded by Medi-Cal, will not be receiving a rate increase. No action was taken on fixing the "Minimum Wage Quirk". The Uniform Holiday Schedule will be suspended until January 1, 2022.

No action was taken on the repeal of the half-day billing. Regional centers will be able to pay for copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles for Early Start children regardless of their family's income (this is for children who primarily receiving behavioral services thru their insurance).

The budget includes \$3 million for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to hire a contractor to visit community settings to determine whether service providers are compliant with the Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule integration expectations. There is also some funding for the Foster Youth Trauma-Informed Systems of Care.

Approximately 50 service coordination positions will be created statewide for caseload ratios of 1:25 for those individuals with the most intensive needs. Funding was approved for regional center Operations to allow for greater

monitoring of Family Home Agency (FHA) services. Funding was also approved so that regional centers can hire nurses and behaviorists to monitor care homes in the community to insure services are being provided properly.

Some service providers will receive an increase in rates of up to 8.2%, while others are slated to receive none. All of these increases sunset in 2022.

- **Mr. Bonnet will share more information as it is released.**

****Michelle Rewerts left the meeting***

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of May 13, 2019 as submitted.

2. *New Business*

- Board and Committee Goals for 2019-20 FY.
 - Mr. Lake shared that the Board and its committees will be setting goals for the 2019-20 fiscal year (FY).

3. *Committee Reports*

- Board Development Committee (BDC)
 - No update was shared.
- Personnel Committee
 - The committee has completed Mr. Bonnet's evaluation and it will be presented to the full Board at the July meeting.
 - At the last Board meeting, the Board agreed to hire a consultant to help with this process.

4. *President's Report*

- Mr. Lake expressed appreciation for those in attendance today.

5. *Executive Director's Report*

- Last year, ACRC received 56 Fair Hearing (FH) requests. This calendar year, we have received 23; eleven regarding eligibility and twelve regarding services. Five cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); three supported ACRC's position and two supported the claimant's position.

6. *Announcements*

- No announcements were shared.

7. *Closed Session* – at 5:49 p.m. the Executive Committee adjourned to executive session in order to discuss personnel issues.

8. ***Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion*** – at 5:56 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, July 8, 2019**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet