

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, June 12, 2017
Minutes

Present:

Brendan Peacock, President
Dan Lake, Vice President
Cindy Benson, ARCA-CAC Rep

Absent: (* excused)

Jacqueline Armstrong*, Secretary
Anwar Safvi*, Finance Comm. Chair

Facilitators:

Larry Prosser

Visitors:

Cheryl Worthley

Board Members:

Romilda Jones
Steven Sanchez (via phone)
Retha Seabron
Austin Taylor

Staff:

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

The Executive Committee met at 5:27 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2017, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) Approve 2017-18 Board Meeting Schedule; 3) Board Development Committee Update; 4) President's Comments; 5) Executive Director's Comments; 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: Mr. Bonnet shared that the budget conference committee has met and everyone is expecting that the Governor will have the budget on his desk by June 15th.

There is concern about the trailer bill language attached to some of the bills. People in the statewide service system were hopeful that there would be additional funding for regional centers to hire more Service Coordinators (SCs). Legislators are seeking a more consistent way for regional centers to report on their caseload ratios. When the proposed budget is signed, centers will be able to hire for growth positions.

The California Legislature is expected to lift the cap on respite, but social and recreational activities will continue to not be funded.

When the details of the signed budget are released, Mr. Bonnet will share the information with the entire Board.

- **Information only.**

****Steven Sanchez left the meeting***

Without objection, Brendan Peacock made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of March 13, 2017 and May 8, 2017 as submitted.

2. *Approve 2017-18 Board Meeting Schedule*

- The proposed 2017-18 Board meeting schedule was distributed for review. It was noted that this schedule can be revised, as needed.

M/S/C (Cindy Benson) To approve the proposed 2017-18 Board meeting schedule as presented. (3 in favor)

3. *Board Development Committee (BDC) Update*

- No update was shared.

4. *President's Comments*

- No comments were shared.

5. *Executive Director's Comments*

- Last year, ACRC received 62 Fair Hearing (FH) requests. This calendar year, we have received 42; six regarding eligibility and 36 regarding services. Ten cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); seven supported ACRC's position, one supported the claimant's position and the other two were split decisions (granted in part, denied in part). We currently have 16 pending FHs.
- An email was received from the website, requesting that there be a call-in option for the public to attend the Board committee meetings and Board meetings. Shortly after receiving this email, Ms. West received a query from her counterpart at another regional center and, so far, 100% of the regional centers do not offer this option.
 - Those present discussed what it would entail to offer this option to the public (e.g., the cost for technology, the need for two phone lines – one for the public, another for Board members due to confidential items discussed, etc.).
 - Mr. Bonnet will draft a response and send it to Mr. Lake for consideration.

6. *Announcements*

- No announcements were shared.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 10, 2017**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet