

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2015
Minutes

Present:

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

Absent: (* excused)

*Cindy Benson, Secretary & ARCA-
CAC Rep.

Board members:

Nasim Hedayati
Jon Nelson

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
Peter Tiedemann, Chief Operating
Officer
Kristy Tinsley, Office Manager

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

The Executive Committee met at 3:17 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2015, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) Approve 2015-16 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: Mr. Bonnet informed the committee that he recently watched the joint budget conference committee where representatives from both the senate and assembly were present. To date, a proposal was made to provide a 5% increase to Supported Living, Respite and DRC effective July 1, 2015 and a 2.5% increase to the rest of the RC system effective January 1, 2016. Mr. Bonnet stated that ACRC has requested a 10% increase across the board for RC operations and providers. However, the Senate is proposing targeted increases of up to 10% to programs such as SLS, Respite, Supported Employment rates and Disability Rights CA, and a 5% increase for transportation. The Assembly is proposing 5% increases across the board to become effective January 2016, with an additional 5% to that would get implemented the following year in January 2017. The deadline for the Governor to make a decision on the budget is June 15th. It is the expectation that there will be lots of regulatory language and changes to compliance after the budget is passed.

Discussion and Action: Mr. Bonnet discussed the Governor's budget/assembly and senate budget conference.

- **Information only.**
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Without objection, Modean Gibson made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of May 11, 2015 as presented.

2. Approve 2015-16 Board Meeting Schedule

Issue: The committee needs to approve the 2015-16 Board meeting schedule.

Discussion and Action: ACRC's Board of Directors 2015/16 meeting scheduled was distributed to the group for review/approval.

M/S/C (Modean Gibson) **To approve the proposed 2015-16 Board meeting schedule as presented.** (4 in favor)

3. Board Development Committee (BDC) Update

- Mr. Peacock shared there was discussion regarding the BDC's schedule and meeting time for the purpose of making sure we are making the best use of committee member's time. A suggestion was made to combine board committee meetings in one day to make it more convenient for individuals to attend.
- A draft of a targeted marketing flyer that will be used to recruit individuals from diverse backgrounds is currently being created and will be reviewed by the BDC.
- A request was made to have all board members provide background on their personal connection to the board (i.e. parent/caregiver of a client, child's disability, etc.).
- Mr. Peacock informed the group that the BDC meeting for July has been cancelled. The BDC will reconvene in September. Mr. Peacock is willing to schedule a meeting sooner should something come up.
- Mr. Peacock clarified the process for submitting an application to become a member of the board and/or participate on one of the board committees. He is recommending that all interested applicants attend a board meeting. If there is still interest, they can then submit an application, which will then get reviewed by the BDC.

4. President's Comments

- Ms. Gibson reviewed the schedule for next year. The board will go dark in August, December and April. There were no changes made to the meeting times. A recommendation was made to add an additional 20 minutes to the board meeting for trainings. A motion was made to approve/accept this schedule. Everyone in attendance accepted the schedule for the next year.
- Ms. Gibson announced that this will be the last Executive Committee meeting for the 2015-16 FY. She also reflected on some of the projects that were completed during this past year, which included but are not limited to the following:
 - Many new community process plans were developed and implemented
 - Several bylaws were either added or enhanced
 - A number of great new board members were brought in this yearMs. Gibson also thanked Mr. Bonnet and his staff for the beneficial trainings that were presented to the board during this past year and mentioned that she was very appreciative for all that Mr. Bonnet has done for ACRC. Ms. Gibson also

acknowledged both the PAC and the CAC for the phenomenal job they are doing. This board should be very proud of the work that has been completed thus far!

5. **Executive Director's Comments**

- So far this calendar year, ACRC has received 39 Fair Hearing (FH) requests; 11 regarding eligibility and 28 regarding services. No cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH).
- Mr. Bonnet announced he is planning on attending the annual Opportunity Fair at Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) on June 9th. He mentioned that he also has plans to return to SDC with the Director of DDS following the fair.
- Mr. Bonnet shared that he met with Sonya Bingaman, the Manager of the SCDD Sacramento Office to discuss the development of a committee for the Self-Determination Program (SDP). Mr. Bonnet and Sonya Bingaman both had the opportunity to select members for the committee. The DDS is making it mandatory for all those interested in participating in the program to attend a meeting that has been scripted by DDS.
- Mr. Bonnet shared that he has always felt that the work and commitment of this board is invaluable, and for that he is truly grateful. This sentiment was confirmed after having the opportunity to gain knowledge about other regional center boards. He especially appreciates the incredible people on this board and the good system we have that allows everyone's voice to be heard.

6. **Announcements**

- Mr. Kaweski shared that he and his wife will be leaving for England on July 7th to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!
- Ms. Gibson announced her retirement from the board after 5 years of service. She confirmed she will be in attendance at the board meeting that is scheduled to take place on June 25th.

The next Executive Committee meetings are scheduled on **Monday, July 13, 2015**, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Kristy Tinsley
Office Manager

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet