

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2020
Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, President
Rita Walker, Vice President
Yang Sun, Finance Comm. Chair
Michelle Rewerts, ARCA-CAC Rep
Ron Mainini, Member-at-Large

Absent: (* excused)

Amy Lampe*, Secretary

Board Members:

Carmen Aguilar
Eric Ciampa
Retha Seabron

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

Sharon Chand
Maureen Fitzgerald

Staff:

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

The Executive Committee met at 5:02 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020, by Webex/ teleconference to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) New Business; 3) Old Business; 4) Committee/Workgroup Reports; 5) President's Report; 6) Executive Director's Report; and 7) Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

1. ***State Budget Update***

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

Discussion and Action: The Governor's May Revise included approximately \$500 million in cuts to California's Health & Human Services Department's budget. The state's legislature has proposed their own version of the budget, which includes no cuts to our service system. The last hearing of the year will be held on Friday and the final version of the budget will need to be on the Governor's desk by June 15th.

Mr. Bonnet shared that regional centers have been paying retainer payments to non-residential services due to the pandemic. These may be discontinued at the end of June, but it hasn't been officially announced yet. Regional centers need to start redefining services (e.g., virtual learning versus on-site learning) and are hoping for guidance from the department.

Mr. Ciampa noted how critical the retainer payments are for service providers. They have been asking for clarification from DDS; they must be able to plan for the future. In a normal year, the budget fully funds minimum wage increases. Absentee billing and minimum wage may affect service providers more than the projected rate cuts. Service provider's workforce is about 20% ahead of minimum wage.

Governor Newsom must sign the budget by June 30th.

- **Information only.**
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Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of May 11, 2020 as submitted.

2. ***New Business***

- 2020-21 FY Board Meeting Schedule
 - Normally, the Board's Retreat/Training and Board meeting is held during two days in late September. More information will follow.

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to approve the 2020-21 fiscal year (FY) Board meeting schedule as presented.

3. ***Old Business***

- ED Assessment that is in progress
 - Mr. Lake shared that the window to complete Mr. Bonnet's annual evaluation closes in six days.

4. ***Committee/Workgroup Reports***

- Board Development Committee (BDC)
 - There will be no Board training in July.
- Personnel Committee
 - As mentioned above, the group has been working on the Executive Director's evaluation and goals.

5. ***President's Report***

- Mr. Lake expressed appreciation to the Board; he terms off the Board at the end of this month.

6. ***Executive Director's Report***

- Currently, ACRC has five clients who have tested positive for COVID-19, with one fatality, and seven direct support professionals (DSPs) who have tested positive. Across the state, there are 342 clients who have tested positive, with 43 deaths. ACRC's catchment area population is not quite 10% of the entire state's, so it appears that we are underrepresented with COVID-19 cases (which is good in this case).
 - Mr. Bonnet believes the numbers are concerning; it seems that there might be some spikes, but this might be attributed to the availability of testing.
- ACRC is on the path of reopening. We have developed a plan on gradually bringing staff back to our offices (up to 25% of staff back on staggered days).

- The COVID Task Force has sent the draft plan to SEIU for their review. The process is going to take a while; we have many employees who are categorized as high-risk.
- Mr. Bonnet will share the plan with the Board once all are in agreement.
- Last week, ACRC, partnering with the local regional office of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), held a drive through give away for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Some of our staff volunteered in the 100+ degree weather and were happy to see our clients and families. We have begun this opportunity in our outlying offices, as well.

7. Announcements

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 23rd, at 4 p.m.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 13, 2020**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet