

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2017
Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, President
Amy Lampe, Secretary
Cindy Benson, ARCA-CAC Rep

Absent: (* excused)

Rita Walker*, Vice President

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk
Larry Prosser

Visitors:

Cheryl Worthley

Board Members:

Eric Ciampa
Romilda Jones
Rosa Meza-Villaseñor
Michelle Rewerts
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 5:19 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2017, 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 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 Governor Brown signed the State's budget on time. The state legislature did not approve additional funding for caseload ratio reduction.

The respite cap has been lifted effective next January 1st, but Mr. Bonnet reminded everyone that services are based upon need. Regional centers are still prohibited from funding social/recreational activities. There is, however, a large amount of funding for the growth of people served by regional centers across the state.

Now, the budget season begins again. In January, the Governor will release his proposed budget for the 2018-19 FY. Governor Brown has indicated that he is expecting some reduction in the state's revenues.

- **Information only.**

****Rosa Meza-Villaseñor left the meeting***

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of June 12, 2017 as submitted.

2. *New Business*

- Policy Review
 - ACRC's "Conflict of Interest" Policy was distributed for review. Mr. Bonnet read the policy aloud.
 - The Executive Committee is required to review Board members completed Conflict of Interest (COI) statements and have them submitted to DDS by August 1st. We will work to streamline this process, but because of the timing, Mr. Lake and Ms. Walker will be reviewing the COI statements on behalf of the Executive Committee this year.
 - Board members will be asked to come to ACRC prior to the Board meeting on Thursday, July 27th, to fill out their COI statements.
- EC meeting schedule
 - At this point, we will keep the meeting schedule the same. But Mr. Lake would like to have the Executive Committee meeting run from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Code of Conduct
 - For the past few years, the Board's Code of Conduct Policy has been copied and placed in the monthly Board meeting packets. Without objection, Mr. Lake would like to suggest removing it from the packets. For reference, this policy is in everyone's "Board Manual".

3. *Committee Reports*

- No reports were shared.

4. *President's Comments*

- Mr. Lake expressed appreciation for everyone's attendance today. If you would like to discuss anything at the committee or Board meetings, please contact him so that he can add it to the agenda(s).

5. *Executive Director's Comments*

- Mr. Bonnet expressed appreciation to everyone; he remains confident that the agency's governing Board is strong.
- ACRC has received 54 Fair Hearing (FH) requests this calendar year; 9 regarding eligibility and 45 regarding services. Twelve cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); nine supported ACRC's position, one supported the claimant's position and the other two were split decisions (granted in part, denied in part).
 - Mr. Bonnet shared that there is an individual that has collectively filed as many complaints as we have received from the other 22,000 clients.

- As mentioned at the Board meeting, Amy Westling has been named the Executive Director of the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA).
- As changes continue to occur at other regional centers across the state, DDS often calls on ACRC staff to assist.
- Mr. Bonnet noted that ACRC continues to hire new staff to assist with the ongoing service needs of our clients.

6. Announcements

- Ms. Rewerts is excited to be an ACRC Board member!
- Ms. Lampe requested prayers for her friend.
- Mr. Bonnet shared that one of ACRC's staff members passed away last week; Tim S. helped manage the transportation needs of all of our clients.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 11, 2017**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet