

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2015
Minutes

Present:

Brendan Peacock, President
Dan Lake, Vice President
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair

Absent: (* excused)

Jacqueline Armstrong*, Secretary
Walter Kaweski*, ARCA Rep
Cindy Benson*, ARCA-CAC Rep

Board members:

Jon Nelson

Staff:

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

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

The Executive Committee met at 3:28 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2015, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) Board Development Committee Update; 3) President's Comments; 4) Executive Director's Comments; and 5) 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 put the task on the legislature to handle some items and a Special Session Assembly Hearing was held last Thursday morning. During the hearing, a motion was brought forward for the 10% increase to regional center operations and service provider rates. Santi Rogers, Director of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), acknowledged that our statewide regional center system is in trouble. Legislators mentioned recent events at Inland and Kern Regional Centers and called for more oversight. Shortly after that, Mr. Bonnet was contacted by DDS and was asked to host a visit from the Department of Finance. A small group will be coming to ACRC tomorrow afternoon to learn more about regional centers. Mr. Bonnet looks forward to this opportunity to explain what we do for the clients that we serve.

Another item on the horizon is the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Rules. Under the new Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) rules, in less than four years, federal funding will be cut off for any service that is not community-based. Mr. Bonnet received a list of all of the services that would no longer be receiving federal funding; it includes many of the services that we purchase for our clients. It's pretty clear that the CMS group is progressive in its thoughts on how clients should receive services. This is going to be a huge

undertaking to figure out what we need to do to meet their requirements. The Self-Determination Program (SDP) will likely also play a role in this.

- **Information only.**

**Mr. Tiedemann left the meeting*

Without objection, Brendan Peacock made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of June 8, 2015 as amended.

2. Board Development Committee (BDC) Update

- Mr. Lake shared that the BDC met on July 8th and discussed the following:
 - Developing a format to Board member's introductions at the beginning of meetings. Mr. Peacock and Mr. Lake would like Board members to provide a brief statement that explains why you are here (i.e., whether you are a parent/client, what county you represent, etc.); something that might be interesting for visitors to learn about you when they attend meetings.
 - Trainings for Board members. It has been suggested that there could be brief, optional trainings provided to Board members on a monthly basis prior to Board meetings. This would take the place of the Board pre-meeting.
 - Mr. Bonnet distributed a list of possible topics for Board trainings.
 - These "Board Sponsored Trainings" could possibly be posted on ACRC's website and be open to the public.
 - The Board could possibly develop a training schedule during the September Retreat.
 - Possibly changing the BDC meeting to the second Monday of the month, prior to the Finance and Executive Committees. This would maximize the time Board members spend traveling to and from meetings, while offering the opportunity to attend all of the standing committee meetings, if desired. The proposed schedule would be:
 - BDC @ 4 p.m.
 - Finance Committee @ 4:30 p.m.
 - Executive Committee @ 5 p.m.
- Mr. Lake shared that Chairs could expand on agenda items prior to the meetings, so that Board members have the opportunity to plan for the discussions and possibly have suggestions/questions ready.
- At the July 23rd Board meeting, Mr. Peacock and Mr. Lake will discuss moving the Board meeting start time to 4 p.m., with the trainings beginning at 3:30 p.m.

3. President's Comments

- Mr. Peacock is looking forward to a great and productive year! We have a wonderful agency and dedicated Board members. He is proud to be serving with everyone.

- The Board Committee assignments will be ratified at the next Board meeting. Mr. Peacock has asked Nasim Hedayati to join the BDC.

4. ***Executive Director's Comments***

- So far this calendar year, ACRC has received 45 Fair Hearing (FH) requests; 12 regarding eligibility and 33 regarding services. Mr. Bonnet shared that staff work diligently to resolve issues at the informal meeting or mediation.
- ACRC's Board Composition Survey must be submitted to DDS by August 15th.
- Mr. Bonnet will provide a draft outreach flyer to committee members this week.

5. ***Announcements***

- No announcements were shared.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 14, 2015**. The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet