

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, July 14, 2014
Minutes

Present:

Modean Gibson, President
Brendan Peacock, Vice President
Cindy Benson, Secretary & ARCA-
CAC Rep.
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair
Walter Kaweski, ARCA Rep.

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk
Larry Prosser

Board Members:

Dan Lake
Jon Nelson
Austin Taylor

Staff:

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

The Executive Committee met at 3:31 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2014, 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 when you add in the Community Placement Plan (CPP) funding, Harbor Regional Center is the only other center, other than ACRC, that is projecting sufficient funding. He is hopeful that there is still enough money in the statewide system to balance, otherwise Santi Rogers, Director of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), will have to ask the legislature for additional funding.

As far as the 2014-15 fiscal year (FY), we don't know how much money ACRC will receive for our Operations (OPS) budget. Our initial allocation was disappointing (1.6% more than last FY).

We do know that there is money in the agency's budget for the increase in the State's minimum wage. Managers must make at least twice the minimum wage (\$18 per hour); although this increase is not included in the funding. There is also a small increase to the Early Start Program.

Mr. Bonnet continues to have concerns about residential services. It is getting difficult for service providers to provide quality services. The state is moving from a six client/ three bedroom model to a four client/four bedroom model. ACRC continues to expand the living options for the clients that we serve.

- **Information only.**

**Austin Taylor left the meeting.*

Without objection, Modean Gibson made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of June 9, 2014 as submitted.

2. Board Development Committee (BDC) Update

- Mr. Peacock shared that the BDC will be proposing new candidates for Board membership.
- The "ACRC Orientation Manual" and "Board Manual" will be distributed at our September Retreat.
- Committee members will be revising the panel interview questions in the near future.
- The BDC wants to make sure that Board member's areas of expertise are correctly reflected on the agency's demographic grid.
- The proposed bylaw, "Section 3.19: Past President as Advisor", was distributed for review. Mr. Peacock clarified that this individual would be a volunteer and has no vote. They would be "under the direction and at the discretion of the Board President or the Executive Committee". He shared that the BDC discussed this bylaw in great detail and made some minor changes before bringing it to this committee for consideration. As per the BDC's request, Ms. Gibson discussed the attorney/client privilege with Nancy Lea, who clarified that a third party is allowed in closed session, if it is for the benefit of the client (Evidence Code 952).

M/S/C (Brendan Peacock) **To accept the proposed bylaw as submitted. (5 in favor)**

3. President's Comments

- Ms. Gibson shared that the Finance and Executive Committees will continue to meet on the second Monday of the month at 3 p.m./3:30 p.m. If you are not able to attend, please contact Ms. West at least two hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
- A few months ago, Ms. Gibson and Ms. Lea researched other regional center's schedules. She would like the Board to consider going "dark" in April, as well as August and December; this would equate to three months of meetings, with one month off, three times per year. This might be an option for this FY.

M/S/C (Cindy Benson) **To take this suggestion to the full Board for consideration at the July Board meeting. (5 in favor)**

- The Board will be holding its annual retreat in September. If anyone has a suggestion for this Board training, please send it to Ms. West for discussion at the July Board meeting.

- Ms. Gibson expressed appreciation to everyone for their vote of confidence in moving her forward to serve as ACRC's Board President. She is looking forward to accomplishing great things for the clients that this agency serves.
- Ms. Gibson and Mr. Peacock attended the Client Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting last week. This is a lively group; very outspoken. Anyone who attends these meetings walks out being so proud to be a part of this organization.
- She will be attending the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) meeting with Mr. Kaweski at Harbor Regional Center on August 21st & 22nd.

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

- Mr. Bonnet shared that a group of professionals from Belarus will be visiting ACRC on Monday, July 28th. The program, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is funded by the federal government, and this year the focus will be on disadvantaged youth, part of that will include a look into services that are provided to children and young adults with developmental disabilities. The group will be touring programs at the Orange Grove site in the morning. They will then travel to ACRC, where they will have a brief tour of the regional center and then eat lunch. Afterwards, staff will share presentations on eligibility and children services. If you are interested in attending, please let Ms. West know.
- ACRC's Client Advisory Committee (CAC) will be holding their September meeting at Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC). Members are going to be a little more diligent in getting the word out to the clients who reside there.
- ACRC has received 40 Fair Hearing (FH) requests so far this calendar year; ten regarding eligibility and 30 regarding services. Six cases have gone before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); four decisions supported ACRC's position, one supported the claimant's position, and the other was a split decision (granted in part, denied in part). We currently have seven FHs pending; one regarding eligibility and six regarding services.

5. ***Announcements***

- Mr. Nelson shared that he no longer is on oxygen; he is self-regulating. Mr. Nelson just moved to Meadow Vista, and he recently attended a family reunion; he hadn't seen his two brothers in 27 years!
- Mr. Kaweski shared that the Folsom Symphony is holding a free concert, entitled "American Salute", on Thursday, September 11th, at the El Dorado Hills Town Center's Steven Young Amphitheater.

6. ***Closed Session*** – at 4:28 p.m. the Executive Committee adjourned to executive session in order to discuss personnel issues.

7. ***Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion*** – at 4:38 p.m. the Executive Committee reconvened in open session following a closed session in which personnel issues were discussed.

The next Executive Committee meetings are scheduled on **Monday, September 8, 2014**, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet