

Alta California Regional Center
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 23, 2019
Minutes

Present: Jackie Armstrong, Eric Ciampa, Dan Lake, Amy Lampe, Paul Platner, Michelle Rewerts, Steven Sanchez, Retha Seabron, Rita Walker

Absent (* excused): Romilda Jones*, Anwar Safvi*, Yang Sun, Austin Taylor

Staff: Phil Bonnet, Lori Banales, Jennifer Bloom, Jennifer Crick, Camelia Houston, Mechelle Johnson, Herman Kothe, Jason Lindo, David Lopez, Jessica Markov, Peter Tiedemann, Lisa West

Facilitators: Amy Fulk

Visitors: Sonya Bingaman, Janet Brandon, Jacquie Dillard-Foss, Michelle Ramirez, Ami Sullivan

1. **Call to Order** - The Board of Directors met at 3:14 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at ACRC's Roseville office.
2. **Introductions – Reading of ACRC's Mission & Vision** - All present introduced themselves. Mr. Bonnet read aloud ACRC's Mission and Vision.
3. **Consent Agenda – By consensus, the following consent agenda items were approved: a) excused absences for Romilda Jones and Anwar Safvi; b) regular session Board meeting minutes of March 28, 2019; and c) accept Board Development, CAC, Executive, Finance and PAC reports.**

**change in agenda was noted*

4. **New Business**

◆ *Community Comments*

- Ms. Bingaman thanked ACRC for supporting the local People First Chapters.
- With the Self-Determination Program's (SDP's) rollout, Ms. Banales and Mr. Lindo are making sure clients are active and informed.
- Ms. Bingaman expressed appreciation for Mr. Tiedemann's, as well as other ACRC staff's, attendance at the local Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings that are held at the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Sacramento office.
- With grant funding, the SCDD will hold Safety Training and Risk Reduction (STARR) courses the last week in July. These trainings will help law enforcement officers recognize, engage and respond to individuals with disabilities. They will be held in Placerville and at the UC Davis MIND Institute.

- ◆ Provider Advisory Committee (PAC)
 - Members of the service provider community expressed appreciation for Mr. Tiedemann and acknowledged all that he has done for our service system. They presented him with a plaque and shared that the PAC made a \$1,000 donation to *Habitat for Humanity* on his behalf.
 - Mr. Ciampa shared that the PAC met in April and talked about the SDP and the committee's priorities. They are determining what they should be focusing on for the next fiscal year (FY).
 - On May 9th, the group encouraged everyone to attend the Senate Hearing that was held downtown to discuss the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) rate study. The big question is what will the State do. The system's sustainability could be a focus. The Governor's budget has some targeted increases, but service providers are still pushing for the 8% across the board rate increase.

- ◆ *Board Recognitions*
 - Board members were recognized for their past year of service to ACRC's Board of Directors and the community.

- ◆ *Executive Committee*

Issue 1: Approve Slate for 2019-20 FY

Discussion and Action: The Slate for the 2019-20 fiscal year (FY) is as follows:

Dan Lake – President

Rita Walker – Vice President

Amy Lampe – Secretary

Yang Sun – Treasurer

Rita Walker – ARCA Rep

Dan Lake – ARCA Rep (alternate)

Romilda Jones – ARCA-CAC Rep

Steven Sanchez – ARCA-CAC Rep (alternate)

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to approve the slate as presented.

Issue 2: 2019-20 Board Meeting Schedule

Discussion and Action: Mr. Lake shared that the proposed Board meeting schedule for the new FY is in the Board packets for review and approval.

If anyone needs this schedule changed, please contact Mr. Lake.

Ms. Walker would like to suggest holding some Board meetings here at ACRC's Roseville office.

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to approve the 2019-20 Board meeting schedule as presented.

◆ *Finance Committee*

Issue 1: Monthly Financial Report

Discussion and Action: Mr. Tiedemann shared that the March 31, 2019 financial report is under Tab 9 of your Board packet and reflects nine months of expenditures for the current fiscal year (FY). With 75% of the year elapsed, ACRC has expended 73.6% of Purchase of Services (POS) and 71.9% of Operations (OPS).

Mr. Tiedemann is projecting that ACRC will need between \$8.7 and \$9 million in additional POS funding at the end of this FY. This amount has increased slightly due to the fact that ACRC is still receiving data from service providers and DDS on the cost of the minimum wage increase that went into effect in January 2019. This shortfall may decrease, but Mr. Tiedemann stated that DDS has the funds needed and they will be included in an upcoming contract amendment.

There is also a temporary 2.1% rate increase for certain service providers that will be in effect from May 1, 2019 thru April 30, 2020. The rate increase will be provided to many day programs, independent living programs, infant development programs, in-home respite and most community care facilities.

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to accept the monthly finance report as submitted.

Issue 2: Contracts over \$250,000

Discussion and Action: A few years ago, a change in the law required a regional center's Board to approve all POS contracts of \$250,000 and above.

ACRC is seeking Board approval for a \$1.1 million contract to develop two Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes (EBSH). Our agency posted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for these homes and Brilliant Corners was the only entity to respond.

The contract is for \$250,000 for acquisition and \$300,000 for renovation per home (\$550,000 per home; \$1.1 million total). Mr. Tiedemann clarified that these homes are deed restricted, which means that they can only be used to serve individuals with developmental disabilities.

Brilliant Corners would be the owner of the homes. ACRC will enter into separate contracts with a provider, who will operate the homes. The location of the two homes has not yet been selected, however Brilliant Corners is currently looking in Sutter and Yuba Counties.

Without objection, Michelle Rewerts made the motion to approve the contract for Brilliant Corners as presented.

◆ *Committee Updates*

- Board Development Committee (BDC)
 - Ms. Walker shared that the BDC met on May 10th.
 - The committee is recommending that the September Retreat be held in the Placerville area. This will include a "Meet & Greet", Board meeting and training.
 - Board members will be visiting homes that have been developed as part of ACRC's Community Placement Plan (CPP).
 - There will be a follow-up discussion about today's training at the July BDC meeting.
- Client Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - Ms. Rewerts shared that the CAC met on May 11th.
 - Committee members shared moments that they have seen ACRC's Vision as our future.
 - Mr. Bonnet shared information about Governor Newsom's May Revision.
 - John Decker spoke about ACRC's Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) and what priorities the agency will be focusing on as it develops more resources for clients and their families.

- A Touch of Understanding shared information about their organization. Jackie Armstrong shared what she talks to third graders about.

◆ *President's Report*

- Mr. Lake expressed appreciation to everyone who attended the training today.
- The Association of Regional Center Agency's (ARCA's) Grassroots Day in April was fun and educational. He encouraged everyone to attend next year.
- Just a reminder – if you plan on attending a meeting by phone or if you will be absent, please make sure you contact Ms. West at least two hours prior to the meeting's start time.

◆ *Executive Director's Report*

- Mr. Bonnet shared a letter that he received from Romilda Jones, who has recently moved to Loyaltown. Her new Service Coordinator (SC) will work on transportation options so that she can attend future meetings.
- He expressed appreciation to his staff that are in attendance today. Not only is Mr. Tiedemann retiring soon, Alfonso Carmona retired at the beginning of April. Mr. Bonnet has recently restructured agency senior leadership. Lori Banales is now the Director of Client Services, with three Associate Directors of Client Services reporting to her.
 - Jason Lindo, Mechelle Johnson and Jennifer Bloom shared their history in our service system.
- Iqbal Ahmad has been named ACRC's Chief Financial Officer. He will be starting his position on June 1st. This is different position than the one that Mr. Tiedemann is vacating, so Mr. Bonnet is currently recruiting for a Director of Community Services. He is hopeful that he will be introducing this new Director to the Board the next time we meet.
- Mr. Bonnet shared information from ACRA regarding a number of issues, one of which is regional center transparency and accountability. The Administration is proposing statutory changes to add new requirements to regional centers. He suggested that the Board review these items; they will probably become law on July 1st.
- Service providers are asking for an 8% increase across the board rate increase. It doesn't appear that regional center's OPS will be getting the 8% increase that is also being asked for, which will make our jobs tougher but Mr. Bonnet believes that the new administrative structure that ACRC has will offer better support to the ever increasing number of individuals that we serve.

- The “Dashboard Indicators for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2019” was distributed for review.
 - Mr. Bonnet is holding our next All Staff Meeting next week at the Hilton, across the street from ACRC’s Sacramento office.
- ◆ *ARCA Report*
- Ms. Walker wanted to confirm the Board’s input on ARCA’s Strategic Plan, which indicates what their goal areas will be for the next five years.
 - When the Board discussed the plan earlier this FY, the collective sense was that we were all in support of it.
 - SB412 (Stone) – Developmental services: fees. This ARCA sponsored bill would eliminate the annual cost-participation program fees that families pay. It has moved forward to the conference committee with no opposition.
5. ***Closed Session*** – At 4:16 p.m. the Board adjourned to closed session in order to discuss real estate and personnel issues.
6. ***Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion*** - At 5:25 p.m. the Board reconvened in open session following a closed session in which real estate and personnel issues were discussed.
7. ***Adjournment***
The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: Phil Bonnet