

Alta California Regional Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, November 17, 2011  
Minutes

**Present:** Greg Buch, Trina Demirer, Kara Kealy-Frampton, Tom Hopkins, Amy Lampe, Nancy Lea, Edward T. Lewis, Bonita Mallory, Jon Nelson, Earl O'Neal (via phone), Brendan Peacock, Robert Rogers, Kenneth Vu

**Absent** (\* excused): Deanna Brandon\*, Modean Gibson\*, Laura Marabito\*

**Staff:** Phil Bonnet, Olivia Balcao, Lori Banales, Ron Huff, Cynthia Hunt, Glen Korengold, Peter Tiedemann, Lisa West

**Facilitators:** Jana Chapman-Plon, Cheryl DeForest, Amy Fulk, Doug Rossi

**Visitors:** Maria Peña, Ed Plon, Sam Seaton

1. **Call to Order** - The Board of Directors met at 3:06 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2011, at ACRC's main office in Sacramento.
2. **Introductions** - All present introduced themselves. Mr. Rogers read aloud ACRC's Mission and Vision statements.
3. **Consent Agenda** – **By consensus, the following consent agenda items were approved:** a) **excused absences for Deanna Brandon, Modean Gibson and Laura Marabito;** b) **regular session Board meeting minutes of October 27, 2011;** and c) **accept Board Development and CAC reports.**
4. **New Business**
  - ◆ *Board Development Committee*  
**Issue:** Ratify Updated Board Policies

**Discussion and Action:** Ms. Mallory shared that the Board Development Committee has been working on updating the current Board Policies for quite some time. This process started by differentiating between agency policies and Board policies. She noted two typos.

Mr. Peacock shared that the Board Development Committee will be revisiting these policies on a regular basis.

**M/S/C** (Nelson/Lea) **To ratify the updated Board Policies as amended.**

◆ *Finance Committee*

**Issue 1:** Monthly Financial Report

**Discussion and Action:** Ms. Lea shared that the Finance Committee met on Monday. ACRC's Purchase of Services (POS) expenditure trends are running slightly higher in the last month and are projected to continue to increase due to a few new programs that may start-up and a small net increase in consumers that we serve. When looking at our POS allocation, under the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS') new methodology, we received about \$10 million less than last FY. The agency is feeling comfortable with our cash flow at this time.

The September 30, 2011 financial report was distributed for review. Mr. Tiedemann shared that this report reflects the first quarter of the FY. ACRC has expended 23.3% of POS, 26% of Operations (OPS) and 1.9% of Prevention. Since the date that this report was prepared, the agency has received additional POS expenditures and ACRC has actually expended approximately 25% of the Prevention dollars; these numbers will be reflected in next month's report.

Mr. Tiedemann has completed the Sufficiency of Allocation Report (SOAR) and it appears that ACRC will need additional POS funds in the range of \$12 to \$13.9 million. The department has additional POS funds to allocate and after they review all of the regional center's SOARs, they will be sending the next contract amendments.

ACRC recently received Community Placement Plan (CPP) funding of \$700,000 for CPP OPS and \$924,000 for CPP POS. This money is specific to individuals who are coming out of the developmental centers (DCs).

**M/S/C (Lea/O'Neal) To accept the monthly finance report as submitted.**

**Other Items:**

- Ms. Lea shared that the Finance Committee did not have any contracts to approve, but they reviewed POS expenditures for the 2010-11 FY.

◆ *President's Report*

- Ms. Mallory shared that the legislative analyst's office is projecting a \$1.5 billion deficit for this FY. They also expect California's budget deficit will be nearly \$13 billion by the beginning of the next FY. The financial woes for the State of California continue. If the triggers are

pulled, there is an additional 20% cut to In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) that could affect our consumers even more.

- Ms. Mallory reminded everyone that the Board is adopting a family for the Christmas holiday. If you would like to contribute, please give the money to Ms. West.
- There were no calls to the Board hotline since the last meeting. However, Ms. Mallory did speak with a mother who might be relocating her family due to the availability of services in the South Lake Tahoe region.

◆ *Executive Director's Report*

- Mr. Bonnet shared that, in less than a month, the Director of California's Department of Finance will announce whether or not she will pull the budget trigger based upon the fiscal condition of our state. Then, on January 12<sup>th</sup>, the Governor will release his 2012-13 budget. As Ms. Mallory stated, the state is facing a \$13 billion deficit for the next FY. Mr. Bonnet will do everything in his power to keep everyone working for the benefit of the consumers that we serve.
- Mr. Bonnet met with the Deputy Director of DDS to finalize plans for the implementation of a program to re-instate dental coverage for the thousands of adult regional center consumers who lost their benefits with the passage of the state budget in the summer of 2009. Delta Dental will begin providing this service on January 13, 2012. He clarified that the 4.25% rate reduction will not apply to these services, because they are funded by the Department of Health Care Services.
- This morning, a settlement was reached in an important legal case involving the proposed elimination of the Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) program effective December 1, 2011. This settlement will now extend the date to February 29, 2012. More importantly, it will also create a new type of program called Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) which will provide services similar to ADHC, but will provide for a federal funding match to offset state costs. Many ACRC consumers would have been affected by the closure of these centers.
- The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) will be hosting a statewide conference focusing on new strategies to improve outcomes for regional center consumers in the areas of employment and housing. This conference will be held in September 2012 in Pasadena. Mr. Bonnet plans on providing a small number of scholarships to individuals so that they can attend the conference and bring back what they learn to our community.
- A Vendor Fair was held at Orange Grove Adult School on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. ACRC has a contract with the San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) to keep the school open until June 30, 2012.

There are 200 adult consumers that are affected by this pending closure and the families value this program greatly. ACRC staff are working collaboratively with them to make sure the needs of the consumers continue to be met.

- Bob Baldo, the Executive Director of ARCA, will be retiring in early January. Replacing him will be no easy task. ARCA's Executive Committee has been actively recruiting for a new Executive Director for the past several months. Because we count on ARCA for many things, Mr. Bonnet has offered ACRC's assistance with the transition.
- A small group of regional center directors in Southern California have been meeting to discuss ways that we can gather input to assess the effectiveness of our system nearly fifty years after the passage of the Lanterman Act. Mr. Bonnet was invited to and attended one of their meetings this month and one of the products of this group is a survey to gather input from the community on different ways to look at things. He will continue to be a part of this group and will keep the Board informed as things progress.
- The Southside Art Center is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tonight at the gallery inside the Country Club Plaza Mall on Watt Avenue, from 5 to 8 p.m. Mr. Bonnet will be representing ACRC and invites everyone to attend.
- There were no calls to the comment line since the last meeting.

◆ *ARCA-CAC Update*

- Ms. Lampe shared that the ARCA-CAC met on November 4<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento. She was not able to attend, but knows that the committee would like each regional center to discuss what term they would like to use when referring to the individuals that receive services – "consumer" or "client". Please share your preference with her or Ms. West as soon as possible.

◆ *Community Comments/Announcements*

- Mr. Rogers is thankful for everyone on the Board and ACRC staff.
- Mr. Hopkins shared that Assembly member Roger Dickinson will be attending the South Area People First Chapter Meeting on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

5. **Closed Session** – At 3:57 p.m. the Board adjourned to closed session in order to discuss legal and personnel issues.

6. **Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion** - At 4:36 p.m. the Board reconvened in open session following a closed session in which legal and personnel issues were discussed.

7. ***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: Phil Bonnet