

Alta California Regional Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, June 25, 2015  
Minutes

**Present:** Jacqueline Armstrong, Cindy Benson, Janet Brandon, Modean Gibson, Romilda Jones, Walter Kaweski, Dan Lake, Amy Lampe (via phone), Jon Nelson, Brendan Peacock, Anwar Safvi, Steven Sanchez (via phone) and Kristin Wright (via phone)

**Absent** (\* excused): Nasim Hedayati\*, Edward T. Lewis\*, Austin Taylor\*, Rosa Meza-Villaseñor\*

**Staff:** Phil Bonnet, Lori Banales, Alfonso Carmona, David Lopez, Peter Tiedemann, Kristy Tinsley

**Facilitators:** Cheryl DeForest, Amy Fulk, Larry Prosser

**Visitors:** Ed Plon

1. **Call to Order** - The Board of Directors met at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015, at ACRC's main office in Sacramento.
2. **Introductions – Reading of ACRC's Mission & Vision Statements** - All present introduced themselves. Ms. Gibson read aloud ACRC's Mission and Vision statements.
3. **Consent Agenda – By consensus, the following consent agenda items were approved:** a) excused absences for Nasim Hedayati, Edward T. Lewis and Rosa Meza-Villaseñor b) regular session Board meeting minutes of May 28, 2015; and c) accept Board Development, CAC, Executive, Finance, and PAC reports.
4. **New Business**
  - ◆ *Board Recognitions*
    - Board members were recognized for their year of service to ACRC's Board of Directors. The Board recognized Edward T. Lewis who will be terming off the Board on June 30, 2015. Additionally, the Board recognized Modean Gibson, who has elected to retire from the Board after 5 years of service.
      - Ms. Peacock articulated his appreciation for her impactful contributions, as well as her unwavering dedication to the Board during her term as Board President.

- Mr. Bonnet also stated he was extremely thankful for the support and commitment the entire Board has shown throughout the past fiscal year (FY).

◆ *Election of Board Officers*

**Issue:** Elect new Board Officers for the 2015-16 fiscal year (FY).

The Nominating Committee's slate for the Board President, Vice President and Secretary for the 2015-16 FY was distributed.

Candidates for President include: Brendan Peacock. There were no nominations from the floor.

- **Brendan Peacock is elected President.**

Candidates for Vice President include: Dan Lake. There were no nominations from the floor.

- **Dan Lake is elected Vice President.**

Candidates for Secretary include: Jacqueline Armstrong. There were no nominations from the floor.

- **Jacqueline Armstrong is elected Secretary.**

**M/S/C** (Cindy Benson) **To approve the Board Officer nominations for the 2015-16 FY.** (13 in favor)

◆ *2015-16 Board Meeting Schedule*

**Issue:** Approve the 2015-16 Board meeting schedule

**Discussion and Action:** Ms. Gibson reviewed the Board of Directors meeting schedule for the 2015-16 FY. The Board meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 3 p.m. The Board does not meet during the months of August, December and April.

**M/S/C** (Walter Kaweski) **To approve the Board meeting schedule for the 2015-16 FY as presented.** (13 in favor)

◆ *Finance Committee*

**Issue 1:** Monthly Financial Report

**Discussion and Action:** Mr. Safvi shared that the Finance Committee met on June 8<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the April 30, 2015 financial report which reflects ten

months of expenditures for the current FY. ACRC has expended 84.7% of Purchase of Services (POS) and 81.9% of Operations (OPS).

Mr. Tiedemann is projecting that ACRC will still need between \$12.9 and \$13.8 million in additional POS funding this FY. The DDS has already submitted a deficiency appropriation. It is expected that ACRC will receive the additional augmentations. However, it is not likely that we will receive those prior to the end of the fiscal year. As a result, ACRC may need to borrow for a couple of weeks at the beginning of the fiscal year in order to operate.

➤ **The monthly financial report was accepted as submitted.**

**Issue 2:** Select Independent Auditor

**Discussion and Action:** Mr. Tiedemann received quotes from two different auditors to conduct ACRC's independent audit for the next FY.

- Windes & McClaughry - \$49,000 plus travel expenses, because they are based in Long Beach.
- Thompson Noble Company LLC - \$45,000 with no travel expenses, because they are based in Sacramento.

**M/S/C** (Walter Kaweski) **To engage Thompson Noble Company LLC for the 2015-16 independent audit.** (13 in favor)

◆ *Committee Updates*

- Board Development Committee (BDC)
  - Mr. Peacock shared the BDC's last meeting was brief due to a short meeting agenda. Discussion was focused primarily on the Board Officer slate for the 2015-16 FY.
  - Further conversation took place around meeting attendance. A recommendation was made to only schedule meetings when there is a substantial meeting agenda in order to best utilize everyone's time.
  - Phil emailed a draft of the Targeted Outreach flyer to the committee for feedback. This flyer will summarize the Board's need for volunteers that can represent our clients and families and should be something that gets distributed at community events.
  - The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 4 p.m.
- Client Advisory Committee (CAC)
  - There was nothing to report.

- The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2015 from 2 to 4 p.m.
- Provider Advisory Committee (PAC)
  - Ms. Brandon shared there was a lengthy discussion around the Governor's decision not to support the "10 for 10" campaign. Although disappointment was expressed in regards to the budget, there was some excitement about the decision to close all developmental centers by 2018. Further appreciation was expressed to all providers and vendors who made their presence known at the capitol in support of our system.
  - The Sonoma Developmental Center's (SDC's) Opportunity Fair was also discussed. According to Ms. Brandon, ACRC was the best represented regional center in Northern, CA.
  - The next PAC meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, June 11, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ *President's Report*
  - Ms. Gibson informed the group that Alta's Organizational Chart is posted on Alta's website. Mr. Tiedemann conducted a brief demonstration on how to pull up the organizational chart on Alta's website.
  - Mr. Gibson expressed appreciation to Mr. Tiedemann and his staff for doing a wonderful job at keeping Alta's website current.
  - Ms. Gibson shared that she has decided to retire from Alta's Board effective June 30<sup>th</sup> due to family and personal reasons. She mentioned that she has truly enjoyed the 5 years that she served on the Board. During her term, she has learned a lot about our regional center and has developed friendships that she will maintain throughout her life.
  - Mr. Bonnet expressed his gratitude and appreciation for Ms. Gibson's hard work, dedication and leadership.
- ◆ *Executive Director's Report*
  - Mr. Bonnet shared updated information regarding the state budget. The Legislature and Governor Brown have agreed upon a budget that includes no new funding to address the issues of low rates and high caseloads. Shortly after the agreement, the Governor called an *Extraordinary Session* of the legislature to consider issues related to the long term sustainability of the state's Medi-Cal program. For the first time ever, the Governor linked funding for Developmental Services to the state's Medi-Cal program and the Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax. You can read more about this on our website: [www.altaregional.org](http://www.altaregional.org).

- Mr. Bonnet announced the DDS is now preparing its formal closure plan for Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC). Governor Brown has ordered that the facility be closed by the end of 2018. ACRC currently serves more than 50 individuals who live at SDC, many of whom have complex medical and/or behavioral needs. ACRC will continue to work with the DDS and other regional centers to ensure that every person who lives at SDC has a person-centered and individualized plan that will maximize their opportunities to live happy and healthy lives in our community. ACRC will receive special funding to assist with this process, and is in the process of building a team to work with community providers to ensure those individuals leaving SDC will have an array of options for their return to community living.
- Mr. Bonnet shared the Self Determination Program Advisory Committee held its first meeting earlier this month. The committee is comprised of ACRC clients, family members, service providers and other community members. The first task of the committee will be to help organize and facilitate community informational meetings to ensure that all interested people have a chance to qualify for the lottery to participate in the roll out of the Self Determination Program (SDP). ACRC is planning on conducting several presentations throughout our ten county area. The next SDP Advisory Committee will be held at ARCR's Sacramento office on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. All meetings of the SDP Advisory Committee are open to the public, and all interested people are encouraged to attend.
- Mr. Bonnet announced that ACRC will continue to reach out to all members of our community to ensure that all individuals and families who are eligible for services from our center are aware and encouraged to participate in our voluntary program. ACRC has made contact with individuals at Fiesta Educativa, and once again ACRC will have a large presence at their annual conference in September. ACRC is also in the early production phases of a Spanish language informational interview featuring ACRC staff. This television interview will be aired on the Univision Network. Unfortunately we were unable to meet the deadline to participate in this year's Juneteenth Festival, but have made contact with their organization and will plan to participate next year.
- Mr. Bonnet informed the group that ESPN's national coverage of the Special Olympics World Games will begin during the last week of July. This event, which occurs only once every four years will take place in Los Angeles and will feature thousands of athletes from more than a hundred countries. One of those athletes is ACRC's own Amber K., who is featured in an article that is currently posted on ACRC's website.

◆ *ARCA Report*

- Mr. Bonnet reported the ARCA's Directors and Executive Committee groups met on June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Oakland. Annual awards were presented to members for their service and new officers were elected. Mr. Bonnet was asked to participate as a chair on one of the committees. Additionally, the DDS Director, Santi Rogers delivered the Governor's budget update during the meeting. The next ARCA Directors meeting will take place in Torrance, CA at Harbor Regional Center.
- Mr. Bonnet shared that Robert Riddick became the Interim Director of Kern Regional Center on June 16<sup>th</sup>. It was also announced that the Director of Inland Regional Center has resigned. To date, there has not been a replacement for the vacant Director position at Inland Regional Center.

◆ *ARCA-CAC Report*

- Ms. Benson informed the group that there was nothing to report.
- The next in-person meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 10, 2015 in Sacramento.

**5. *Community Comments/Announcements***

- Ms. Benson shared that she will display her wind chimes at Nevada County's "Music in the Mountains" Fairgrounds from June 24<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>. She mentioned that she is extremely proud of how her wind chimes turned out.
- Mr. Nelson wanted to have a discussion about possibly having some of the Board committee meetings on the same day for convenience. It was decided that there will be further discussion about this request in the upcoming months.

**6. *Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Kristy Tinsley  
Office Manager

cc: Phil Bonnet