

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2015
Minutes

Present:

Brendan Peacock, President
Dan Lake, Vice President
Jacqueline Armstrong, Secretary
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair
(via phone)
Walter Kaweski, ARCA Rep

Board members:

Romilda Jones
Amy Lampe
Jon Nelson

Visitors:

Cheryl Worthley

Absent: (* excused)

Cindy Benson*, ARCA-CAC Rep

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

The Executive Committee met at 4:55 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) 2016 Performance Contract; 3) Board Development Committee Update; 4) President's Comments; 5) Executive Director's Comments; and 6) Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Brendan Peacock made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of October 13, 2015 as submitted.

1. **State Budget Update**

Issue: The committee needs to review the Governor's State Budget.

Discussion and Action: Mr. Bonnet shared that there is no movement with the specifics of the State's budget. There is concern regarding the current Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax which will expire on June 30, 2016. Without a new version of this tax, there is fear that the State's Medi-Cal Program, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) and regional center budgets will not receive any additional increases this next fiscal year (FY), and will in fact receive a huge cut to their funding. The Governor's release of the January budget will be very telling.

Of immediate concern is the IHSS overtime ruling. As Mr. Bonnet has mentioned in the past, the State's IHSS budget is bigger than the entire regional center system's budget. With this new ruling, anyone who works over 40 hours a week, will receive overtime. Regional centers will receive a 5.82% pass through; funding for our service providers. We are waiting to receive further instruction from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). The changes will go into effect on February 1, 2016, but there is concern that it may be expected earlier.

Santi Rogers, Director of DDS, has announced that he is retiring on December 1st. We will wait to see what new leadership will bring to our system.

Mr. Bonnet received a call from the Office of the Inspector General today. They are interested in speaking with our staff about the vendorization process and how money flows to service providers once they are on board. This meeting will take place within the next few weeks.

- **Information only.**

2. **2016 Performance Contract**

Issue: The committee needs to review ACRC's 2016 Performance Contract.

Discussion and Action: Copies of ACRC's 2016 Performance Contract with DDS was distributed for review.

Mr. Bonnet shared that there is a new Public Policy Measure – "Increase awareness of the cultural diversity and improve services for all ethnic groups served by ACRC using Purchase of Service data relating to age, race, language, and disability, to measure outcomes." He discussed activities that will be planned to meet this measure.

The entire Performance Contract will be discussed in great detail at the November 19th Board meeting. If you have specific questions, please let him know.

- **Information only.**

3. **Board Development Committee (BDC) Update**

- Everyone in attendance attended the BDC meeting, therefore no update was provided.

4. **President's Comments**

- In keeping with the annual tradition, Mr. Peacock would like to suggest that the Board of Directors adopt a family during the holidays – those in attendance agreed.
 - If anyone is interested in shopping and wrapping the gifts, please let him know.
 - Ms. West will send out an email to the full Board.
- Mr. Peacock wanted to highlight the "Together We Shine" section of ACRC's website. He encouraged everyone to read the client stories that are posted there.

5. **Executive Director's Comments**

- So far this calendar year, ACRC has received 68 Fair Hearing (FH) requests; 21 regarding eligibility and 47 regarding services. As of today, we have had one

case decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH), which supported ACRC's position. Last year, we received 72 FH requests. ACRC staff do everything in our power to resolve these issue at the lowest possible level.

6. Announcements

- In collaboration with the State Council, ACRC will be hosting the Client Recognition Awards on Thursday, November 19th, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., just prior to the Board meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 11, 2016**, at 5 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet