

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

Present:

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

Absent: (* excused)

Walter Kaweski*, ARCA Rep

Facilitators:

Larry Prosser

Board members:

Nasim Hedayati
Steven Sanchez

Staff:

Peter Tiedemann, Chief Operating
Officer
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met at 3:20 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015, 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) 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. Tiedemann shared that, as discussed at the Finance Committee, ACRC received our third contract amendment from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) on March 5, 2015.

There was a rally and Assembly Budget Sub-Committee Hearing that took place last Wednesday, March 4th, at the State Capitol. They were both well attended and it seemed like the legislators were very positive. Everyone who testified focused on the Lanterman Coalition's "10 for 10", including four of ACRC's staff. Senator Beall has been taking the lead on this issue.

- **Information only.**

Without objection, Modean Gibson made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of February 9, 2015 as presented.

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

- Mr. Peacock reviewed the proposed bylaw revision which the BDC discussed at their meeting last week. If this is passed, Board member terms will consist of

three terms (a two year term, another two year term, and a three year term) instead of one term consisting of seven years. He researched other regional centers and several follow this type of process.

M/S/C (Modean Gibson) **To approve the proposed bylaw revision as presented.** (4 in favor)

**Nasim Hedayati left the meeting*

- Ms. Gibson has chosen the Nominating Committee – Jacqueline Armstrong, Dan Lake and Brendan Peacock.

3. President's Comments

- Ms. Gibson noted that at the February 26th Board meeting, Mr. Bonnet shared information on some upcoming dates to remember:
 - ACRC's POS Variance Meetings: Monday, March 16th, at ACRC's Sacramento office and Wednesday, March 18th, at the Serna Center in South Sacramento.
 - A special hearing at the State Capitol is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th, to discuss Denti-Cal services and rates of reimbursement.
 - The Client Advisory Committee's (CAC's) annual trip to Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th.

4. Director's Comments

- So far this calendar year, ACRC has received 14 Fair Hearing (FH) requests; five regarding eligibility and nine regarding services. No cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH).
- Mr. Tiedemann shared that the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) completed a 2014 survey regarding regional center Board compositions. He noted that several centers did not meet the client requirements per the Lanterman Act.
- At last month's Board meeting, Mr. Tiedemann shared information on the agency's new website which will be going live soon. As noted at last month's meeting, the Board hotline normally receives case management calls, which slows down the process of getting client issues handled in a timely manner. He distributed a copy of the proposed language that will be posted on the new website.
 - The consensus of the committee is to discontinue the Board hotline and have an option of emailing the Board from the new website.

5. Announcements

- Mr. Safvi suggested that a disclaimer be posted on the POS Variance material that states that the data is raw and that DDS has not analyzed it yet for each regional center.
 - Mr. Tiedemann assured those present that ACRC staff will answer questions as best we can. We will point out that we have an ethnically diverse staff

who speak 16 different languages. We make every effort to meet the needs of all of the clients that we serve.

- Ms. Benson met the Mayor of Nevada City when she attended a FREED Center for Independent Living meeting earlier this month. In June, she will be meeting the Mayor of Grass Valley.

The next Executive Committee meetings are scheduled on **Monday, May 11, 2015**, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet