Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2016
Minutes

Present:
 Brendan Peacock, President
 Dan Lake, Vice President

Absent: (* excused)
 Jacqueline Armstrong, Secretary
 Anwar Safvi*, Finance Comm. Chair
 Cindy Benson*, ARCA-CAC Rep
 Walter Kaweski*, ARCA Rep

Board Members:
 Romilda Jones

Staff:
 Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
 Peter Tiedemann, Chief Operating
  Officer
 Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met at 5:24 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2016, 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) Executive 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. Bonnet shared that Governor Brown signed the 2016-17 State Budget. ACRC's accounting staff are currently working on the rate changes; the agency now pays over 3,000 different rates to service providers.

   An updated chart of our providers, based on the service category, will be shared with the Board soon. This chart will indicate what percentage they received based upon what the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) calculated. This was not an "across the board" number and the department may not have considered the federal dollars that are coming in to our service system.

   Providers and regional centers are working to forward the increases to the direct care staff that came out of the legislature's extraordinary session. Mr. Bonnet is amazed by the collaborative effort which made this funding possible.

   - **Information only.**

2. ***Board Development Committee (BDC) Update***
   - No update was provided.

3. ***President's Comments***
   - Mr. Peacock shared that his objections to the Community Placement Plan (CPP) contracts at the last Board meeting had nothing to do with his confidence in Mr. Bonnet and Mr. Tiedemann. Mr. Peacock believes that this Board needs to have

a better understanding of actions that they take. Transparency and Board member responsibilities are important. At the time, it seemed like a good opportunity to learn about this process. To see passions emerge – you truly saw that Board members care about the individuals that ACRC serves.

4. ***Executive Director's Comments***
   - In the last month, Mr. Bonnet has learned the importance of timely sharing of information to Board members to help them prepare for taking action on a particular item. He will strive to make this a standard practice.
   - ACRC has received 26 Fair Hearing (FH) requests this calendar year; eight regarding eligibility and 18 regarding services. Three cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); all supported ACRC's position. The others are in various states of discussion or have been settled.
     - Mr. Bonnet will share more detailed information about the FHs regarding services with this committee.
   - Mr. Tiedemann shared that ACRC has received a request about providing copies of contracts under the "Transparency and Public Information Policy". He clarified that although ACRC does not fall under the Public Information Act, the intent of the law was transparency around Request for Proposals (RFPs).
     - Mr. Bonnet will bring the suggested changes to this policy to the entire Board for approval at the July 28th Board meeting.

5. ***Announcements***
   - No announcements were shared.

6. ***Closed Session*** – at 5:42 p.m. the Executive Committee adjourned to executive session in order to discuss personnel issues.

7. ***Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion*** – at 5:50 p.m. the Executive Committee reconvened in open session following a closed session in which personnel issues were discussed.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 12, 2016**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
     Phil Bonnet