Alta California Regional Center Executive Committee Meeting Monday, July 8, 2019 Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, President Amy Lampe, Secretary

Absent: (* excused)

Rita Walker*, Vice President Yang Sun, Finance Comm. Chair Romilda Jones, ARCA-CAC Rep

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Board Members:

Michelle Reverts (via phone)
Paul Platner
Anwar Safvi
Retha Seabron

<u>Staff</u>:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Financial Officer Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met at 5:13 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2019, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) New Business; 3) Committee Reports; 4) President's Report; 5) Executive Director's Report; and 6) Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

1. State Budget Update

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

Discussion and Action: Governor Newsom signed the 2019-20 budget.

Many of our service providers will receive a rate increase of approximately 8.2% beginning on January 1st, but this is still clearly not enough. Also, programs that do not meet the new rules will not be incentivized.

Regional centers Operations (OPS) budgets will receive funding for growth and specialized caseloads to serve individuals with intense needs. Mr. Bonnet was informed that ACRC will receive funding for specialized caseloads with a 1:25 ratio.

There is no cost of living increase nor acknowledgement that the state needs approximately 700 Service Coordinator (SC) positions to meet the mandated caseload ratios.

A new group has been formed to discuss our statewide service system's sustainability in regards to California's entitlement. There are a lot of discussions happening about needs based services.

Information only.

*Michelle Rewerts & Anwar Safvi left the meeting

2. New Business

- Board & Committee Goals for 2019-20 FY.
 - The Board and its committees will be setting goals for the 2019-20 fiscal year (FY).

3. Committee Reports

- Board Development Committee (BDC)
 - Everyone was in attendance; no update necessary.
- Personnel Committee
 - At our next Board meeting, the Personnel Committee will present their final recommendation on the last evaluation of our Executive Director.
 - The group will be meeting on Monday, July 22nd, to start the process for this year's evaluation.

4. President's Report

• Mr. Lake expressed appreciation for those in attendance today.

5. Executive Director's Report

- Last year, ACRC received 56 Fair Hearing (FH) requests. This calendar year, we have received 24 FH requests; 11 regarding eligibility and 13 regarding services. Six cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); three supported ACRC's position and three supported the claimant's position.
- The Board will need to discuss our agency's caseload ratios at the July 25th Board meeting.
 - This item will be placed on the meeting's agenda.

6. **Announcements**

No announcements were shared.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 9, 2019**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Lisa West Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet