

Alta California Regional Center
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2016
Minutes

Present: Jacqueline Armstrong, Cindy Benson, Janet Brandon, Romilda Jones, Amy Lampe (via phone), Rosa Meza-Villaseñor, Brendan Peacock, Anwar Safvi, Steven Sanchez, Austin Taylor, Rita Walker

Absent (* excused): Nasim Hedayati, Dan Lake*

Staff: Phil Bonnet, Lori Banales, Alfonso Carmona, Camelia Houston, Peter Tiedemann, Lisa West

Facilitators: Larry Prosser

Visitors: Michelle Barnes, Kathy Brian, Lisa Cooley, Tatiana Kuzminchuk, Sandra Lewis, Monique Lozano, Carolina Rodriquez, Retha Seabron, Sandra Smith, Cheryl Worthley

1. **Call to Order** - The Board of Directors met at 4:01 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at ACRC's main office in Sacramento.
2. **Introductions – Reading of ACRC's Mission & Vision Statements** - All present introduced themselves. Mr. Peacock read aloud ACRC's Mission and Vision statements.
3. **Consent Agenda – By consensus, the following consent agenda items were approved: a) excused absence for Dan Lake; b) regular session Board meeting minutes of October 27, 2016; and c) accept CAC report.**
4. **New Business**
 - ◆ *Community Comments*
 - No comments were shared.
 - ◆ *Board Development Committee*

Issue: Approve New Board Member(s)

Discussion and Action: Mr. Peacock shared that the Board Development Committee held two panel interviews within the last month. Both Tatiana Kuzminchuk and Retha Seabron shared information about themselves.

M/S/C (Romilda Jones) **To approve Retha Seabron for Board membership representing Sacramento County.** (11 in favor)

M/S/C (Austin Taylor) **To approve Tatiana Kuzminchuk for Board membership representing Sacramento County.** (11 in favor)

**Ms. Kuzminchuk and Ms. Seabron read aloud the Board member pledge*

◆ *Finance Committee*

- Mr. Tiedemann shared that there is no financial report this month.

◆ *Committee Updates*

- Board Development Committee (BDC)
 - No update was shared.
- Client Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - Mr. Taylor shared that the CAC met on November 8th.
 - The group talked about the successful **LA50** celebration which was held on October 15th.
 - They will be developing and implementing a community outreach workgroup that will allow members to reach out to others that would like to know more about the CAC.
 - Committee members provided updates on the advocacy groups that they are a part of.
- Provider Advisory Committee (PAC)
 - Ms. Brandon shared that the PAC met on November 10th.
 - The group continues to discuss issues with employee retention.
 - Norman Kunc and Emma Van der Klift shared a presentation on their product "Conversations That Matter". The BDC is also looking into this product for Board training purposes.

◆ *President's Report*

- ACRC's Board of Directors is adopting a family for the Christmas holiday.
- Mr. Peacock participated in an Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) conference call today. He will share information at the January 26th Board meeting.

◆ *Executive Director's Report*

- Mr. Bonnet shared that prior to today's meeting, many individuals gathered together to celebrate the life of Sheryl L., who passed away earlier this month. Sheryl served on both the Redwood Coast Regional Center's Board of Directors and ACRC's – she was Mr. Bonnet's boss twice! The CAC may decide to spread her ashes on the hills of Sonoma; Sheryl loved visiting Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC).

- Mr. Bonnet met with senior officials of the California Conservation Corps (CCC) this week to discuss the possible implementation of a new pilot partnership between our regional center and the Corps. A group from ACRC will be visiting a camp near Auburn in December.
- The upcoming change of administration in Washington D.C. may have some impact upon the new Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) rules, but Mr. Bonnet wants to reassure families and friends that ACRC remains committed to serving our clients.
- Last month, a parent shared concern about the shortage of out-of-home respite options for families. ACRC has tried without success so far to develop a resource to add to our limited availability of respite options outside of a family's home. We are once again looking at possible resource models, as well as funding options that may make out-of-home respite more financially viable for potential service providers.
- Santa Day will be held on Friday, December 16th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. here at ACRC's Sacramento office.
- ACRC is developing new resources to prepare for the closure of SDC on December 31, 2018. Staff remain committed to community living for all SDC residents served by ACRC. Mr. Bonnet participated in a lengthy legislative briefing yesterday that will be followed by formal hearings early in the New Year.

5. ***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: Phil Bonnet