

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2020
Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, President
Rita Walker, Vice President
Amy Lampe, Secretary
Yang Sun, Finance Comm. Chair
Michelle Rewerts, ARCA-CAC Rep
Ron Mainini, Member-at-Large

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Board Members:

Carmen Aguilar
Eric Ciampa
Johnny Deng
Retha Seabron

Staff:

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

The Executive Committee met at 5:44 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) New Business; 3) Old Business; 4) Committee Reports; 5) President's Report; 6) Executive Director's Report; and 7) Announcements.

1. ***State Budget Update***

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

Discussion and Action: Mr. Bonnet shared that Governor Newsom released the proposed budget for the 2020-21 FY last Friday.

The State's developmental centers (DCs) have closed except for the Secured Treatment Program at Porterville DC, which supports approximately 250 clients who are involved in the criminal justice system. The proposed budget adds 20 additional beds to this program.

The statewide regional center budget has now reached \$8.7 billion (an increase of over \$1 billion from the 2019-20 FY). The number of individuals served by regional centers is expected to increase to nearly 370,000. The proposed 2020-21 FY budget has an increase of \$900 million for regional center Operations (OPS), and an additional \$7.1 million for Purchase of Services (POS). This increase takes into account the 8.2% rate increase that most service providers received beginning January 1st. Additionally, on January 1, 2021, Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services, Independent Living Services (ILS) and Infant Development Programs will receive rate increases.

The statewide minimum wage increases have an impact on the budget, as well.

The proposed budget includes an increase of \$78 million for the development of an incentive program for regional centers based on their Performance Contracts with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

ACRC has received funding to add three positions for supporting clients with extraordinary needs that may be better met with a 1:25 caseload ratio.

The proposed budget includes \$7.5 million for the development of five Enhanced Behavioral Supports Homes (EBSH) with Delayed Egress and Secured Perimeter (DESP) across the state. This is part of DDS' Safety Net expansion.

- **Information only.**

**Carmen Aguilar & Steven Sanchez left the meeting*

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of November 12, 2019 as submitted.

2. ***New Business***

- Regional Center Enrolling as Medi-Cal Providers
 - Mr. Bonnet expressed his appreciation to everyone, including Ms. West and Mr. Ahmad, for their assistance with this new requirement.
 - ACRC was the first regional center to complete their application and we received a message from DDS that they forwarded the packet to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on January 10th.

3. ***Old Business***

- Copy of Approved Board Policies
 - Packets of the Board approved Services and Supports Policies were distributed for reference.
 - Ms. Banales shared that these policies set the framework for ACRC to develop procedures for staff to follow when purchasing services for clients.

4. ***Committee Reports***

- Board Development Committee (BDC)
 - No report was shared.
- Personnel Committee
 - The group met today and reviewed the proposed Succession Policy, which should be finalized by March.
 - The Board has contracted with BoardSource to complete the new Executive Director evaluation. Mr. Lake would like to have that done by the end of June. He will be sharing more information with Board members during a closed session at the January 23rd Board meeting. BoardSource will be emailing additional instructions to Board members soon.

5. ***President's Report***

- ACRC had a successful Santa Day and was featured on the news.
- The agency continues to share information on our social media platforms.
- Mr. Lake encourages everyone to attend the upcoming ARCA Sponsored Regional Center Board Member Training on Saturday, February 22nd. Please let Ms. West know if you plan on attending.

6. ***Executive Director's Report***

- The DS Task Force's System & Fiscal Reform Workgroup will be meeting at ACRC this Wednesday, January 15th. The Governor and the Secretary of California's Health & Human Services Agency are very interested in looking at trends for client services and expenditures. The expectation of this committee will be multi-fold.
- In July, regional centers will be rating providers for adherence to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) New Rule. Beginning in April 2022, any service provider that does not meet the expectations will not be able to bill for federal funding.
- ACRC will be participating in this year's *MLK365 March for the Dream Diversity Expo* at Sacramento City College on Monday, January 20th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Mr. Bonnet shared that the Dental Clinic has experienced several contractor delays that have pushed back the opening of this much needed resource. He is hopeful that clients will be able to use this resource before summer.

7. ***Announcements***

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, January 23rd, at 4 p.m.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 10, 2020**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet