

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2017
Minutes

Present:

Brendan Peacock, President
Dan Lake, Vice President
Jacqueline Armstrong, Secretary
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair
Cindy Benson, ARCA-CAC Rep (via
phone)

Visitors:

Melissa Kelly

Board Members:

Janet Brandon
Retha Seabron
Austin Taylor
Rita Walker

Staff:

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

The Executive Committee met at 5:43 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2017, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) ACRC Bylaw Revisions Discussion; 3) Board Development Committee Update; 4) President's Comments; 5) Executive Director's Comments; 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: Mr. Bonnet shared that Governor Brown will be releasing his proposed 2017-18 fiscal year's (FY's) budget for the State of California tomorrow morning. The legislature will schedule hearings to gather input; a pre-hearing with the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) is already scheduled to discuss the closure of the developmental centers (DCs).

When the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) releases the highlights of the proposed budget, Mr. Bonnet will forward the report to the entire Board. He will also share the Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA's) analysis when it is finalized.

- **Information only.**

Without objection, Brendan Peacock made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of October 11, 2016 and November 14, 2016 as submitted.

2. **ACRC Bylaw Revisions Discussion**

- At the beginning of November, Mr. Lake and Ms. Walker met to review the Board's current bylaws; Mr. Peacock was unable to attend this workgroup meeting. The proposed revisions were distributed for review.
- Mr. Lake noted that there are no current problems, but the bylaws can be reviewed and revised as needed. The Board Development Committee (BDC) met in November and had a lengthy discussion about the proposed revisions.
- Mr. Peacock believes this issue is still in the discussion phase and the workgroup has not yet taken into account everyone's input.
 - **Mr. Peacock, as Chair of this committee, will move this discussion back to the BDC for further discussion/input.**

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

- No update was shared.

4. **President's Comments**

- No comments were shared.

5. **Executive Director's Comments**

- ACRC has received 4 Fair Hearing (FH) requests this calendar year; all regarding services. We received 62 FHs last year; 13 regarding eligibility and 49 regarding services. Of those 62 cases, eight were decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); all supported ACRC's position.
- Mr. Bonnet shared that more families are supporting the closure of the DCs. Some believed that it might not ever be possible to find adequate services for the individuals that reside in them. ACRC has a great team working on developing services for these folks.

6. **Announcements**

- No announcements were shared.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 13, 2017**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet