

Alta California Regional Center  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, October 11, 2016  
Minutes

**Present:**

Brendan Peacock, President  
Dan Lake, Vice President  
Jacqueline Armstrong, Secretary  
Cindy Benson, ARCA-CAC Rep

**Board Members:**

Romilda Jones  
Austin Taylor  
Rita Walker

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Anwar Safvi\*, Finance Comm. Chair

**Visitors:**

Heather Thrapp  
Cheryl Worthley

**Facilitators:**

Larry Prosser

**Staff:**

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) 2017 Performance Contract; 3) Board Development Committee Update; 4) President's Comments; 5) Executive Director's Comments; and 6) Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

**Without objection, Brendan Peacock made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of September 12, 2016 as submitted.**

1. ***State Budget Update***

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

**Discussion and Action:** Mr. Bonnet believes that federal funds to support our system are near the top of the list of concerns for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). As a statewide system, regional centers have increased the number of clients who are enrolled in the Medicaid Waiver. The issue now is to figure out how to keep those federal matching funds in our system with the new Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) Rules.

The statewide system has been given approximately \$15 million to assist in the process of downsizing programs. Providers remain concerned about having enough staff in these new settings.

The outcome of the upcoming Presidential election might change things even further.

Hundreds of millions of dollars came into the system for increases for direct care staff as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Advocacy efforts may continue to ask for more.

- **Information only.**

## 2. **2017 Performance Contract**

**Issue:** The committee needs to review the ACRC's 2017 Performance Contract with DDS.

**Discussion and Action:** ACRC's 2017 Performance Contract with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) was distributed for review. Mr. Bonnet provided an overview to those present, which included our locally developed policy performance on increasing awareness of the cultural diversity and improvement of services for all ethnic groups served by ACRC using Purchase of Services (POS) data relating to age, race, language, and disability, to measure outcomes.

**Without objection, Brendan Peacock made the motion to accept the 2017 Performance Contract as submitted.**

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

- Mr. Lake shared that the change to ACRC's Mission and Vision statements, that was discussed at our September Retreat, will go before the Board at the October 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

## 4. **President's Comments**

- Mr. Peacock has accepted the resignations of two of our Board members who were on leaves of absences – Walter Kaweski and Kristin Wright.

## 5. **Executive Director's Comments**

- ACRC has received 42 Fair Hearing (FH) requests this calendar year; ten regarding eligibility and 32 regarding services. Four cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); all supported ACRC's position.
- Our **LA50** celebration is scheduled for this Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The weather is not cooperating – we will be bringing the celebration inside!

## 6. **Announcements**

- No announcements were shared.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 14, 2016**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Phil Bonnet