

Alta California Regional Center  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, October 21, 2019  
Minutes

**Present:**

Dan Lake, President  
Rita Walker, Vice President  
Amy Lampe, Secretary  
Michelle Rewerts, ARCA-CAC Rep  
Ron Mainini, Member-at-Large

**Board Members:**

Carmen Aguilar  
Eric Ciampa (via phone)  
Paul Platner  
Steven Sanchez (via phone)  
Retha Seabron

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Yang Sun\*, Finance Comm. Chair

**Staff:**

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director  
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Financial Officer  
Lori Banales, Director of Client  
Services  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk

The Executive Committee met at 5:27 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2019, 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. All present provided self-introductions.

1. ***State Budget Update***

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

**Discussion and Action:** At the recent ARCA meeting, the group discussed how it seems that legislators don't understand the growth that regional centers are facing. Mr. Bonnet believes that one of the things that the DS Taskforce will need to do is validate the money that the statewide system is spending and be realistic about the number of clients that we have and their service needs. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) must justify the need for additional funding, and be specific on how it affects the overall State of California when clients get the services and supports that they need.

Other important things to mention are:

- Over 200 individuals have applied to be a member of the newly revised DS Taskforce.
- ACRC moved our last client out of the developmental centers today!
- Legislators are currently working on the next fiscal year's (FY's) budget.

- **Information only.**
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**Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of September 9, 2019 as submitted.**

## 2. ***New Business***

- 2020 Performance Contract
  - Ms. Banales shared that some of the ideas that were provided during public comment opportunities in September were already a part of ACRC's 2020 Performance Contract. She reviewed all of the input and took many of the suggestions and embedded them into the agency's planned activities.

**M/S/C** (Ron Mainini) **To approve the draft 2020 Performance Contract as presented.** (5 in favor)

- Outreach
  - At our September Training, the Board formed a working Outreach Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, but we failed to define the subcommittee's purpose.
    - Suggestion was made for Board members to accompany ACRC staff to different venues, so that we have a bigger presence in the community. This would also provide us with more opportunities to recruit for new Board members.
    - In the past, the Board has gone out to different counties to meet with clients and families, outside of regularly scheduled meetings. Mr. Bonnet believes there is value in this.
    - Possibly hold "Coffee with the Coordinator" – an informal meeting to help start the conversations.
  - Mr. Lake will Chair the subcommittee until someone volunteers.
  - Ms. Banales would be happy to share the upcoming months' calendars and suggest events that she believes would be good opportunities for the Board to have a presence at. Helen Neri, ACRC's Cultural Diversity Specialist, could also help with this process.
  - Those present believe the purpose of the subcommittee is to:
    - Know the opportunities
    - Meet to talk about community issues; how do we create those conversations?
  - "Outreach" will be a standing agenda item for future Board meetings.

## 3. ***Old Business***

- Board & Committee Goals for 2019-20 FY
  - The Board and committees are still working on these.
  - Every Board member will be receiving a copy of the approved Board Policies.

## 4. ***Committee Reports***

- Board Development Committee (BDC)
  - The committee set the training topic for the November Board meeting – Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP).

- The Nominating Committee will distribute the survey for the 2020-21 FY Board Officer slate in January.
- Personnel Committee
  - The group met today. We have purchased the Executive Director evaluation from BoardSource. The process will begin in March and finish in June 2020.
  - They are working on a Succession Policy.

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

- When he first joined the Board, Mr. Lake was given a pin that read: "Shut Them Down – Move Them Out – Ask Me How". He purposefully held onto it so that he could give it to Mr. Bonnet when the agency moved the last individual out of the DCs.

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

- Last year, ACRC received 56 Fair Hearing (FH) requests. This calendar year, we have received 39; 17 regarding eligibility and 22 regarding services. Eight cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH).
- ACRC has a new, motivated Communication Specialist and we are now on Social Media!
  - Facebook: ACRC-Alta California Regional Center
  - Instagram: @alta\_rc
  - Twitter: @AltaCal\_RC
- At the September training, the Board began discussions about the Person Centered Thinking approach to building the Board's page on the agency's website.
  - The Board will meet prior to the next Board meeting to continue working on this – Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 3 p.m.

#### 7. **Announcements**

- No announcements were shared.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 12, 2019**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Phil Bonnet