

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2016
Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, Vice President

Absent: (* excused)

Brendan Peacock*, President
Jacqueline Armstrong, Secretary
Anwar Safvi*, Finance Comm. Chair
Cindy Benson, ARCA-CAC Rep

Board Members:

Janet Brandon
Romilda Jones
Rita Walker

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met at 5:13 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2016, in Cricket's Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) Board Development Committee Update; 3) President's Comments; 4) Executive Director's Comments; and 5) 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 the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is focused on having our service system secure as much federal funding as possible during the transition to the new administration.

- **Information only.**

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

- No update was shared.

3. ***President's Comments***

- No comments were shared.

4. ***Executive Director's Comments***

- Mr. Bonnet has been at ACRC for ten years and the only time this agency has engaged an attorney to represent us in a Fair Hearing (FH) is when an attorney is representing the case against us. Last year, ACRC received 79 FH requests. This calendar year, we have received 53 FH requests; 11 regarding eligibility and 42 regarding services. Four cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); all supported ACRC's position.
 - Legislators and advocates have made it easy for an individual to file a complaint against the regional center. The process is fair and is not meant to be intimidating for clients and families.
 - DDS reviews the FH data quarterly so that they are aware of any trends that are happening across the state.

- ACRC will be holding our annual Santa Day on Friday, December 16th.

5. **Announcements**

- No announcements were shared.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 9, 2017**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet