

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, February 11, 2019
Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, President
Rita Walker, Vice President
Amy Lampe, Secretary

Absent: (* excused)

Anwar Safvi*, Finance Comm. Chair
Austin Taylor*, ARCA-CAC Rep

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk
Cheryl Worthley

Visitors:

Melissa Kelly

Board Members:

Jackie Armstrong
Eric Ciampa
Romilda Jones
Paul Platner
Michelle Rewerts
Steven Sanchez (via phone)
Retha Seabron
Yang Sun

Staff:

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

The Executive Committee met at 5:12 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2019, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) New Business; 3) Policy Review; 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: Mr. Bonnet shared that the budget hearings will start soon. Of huge interest to everyone is the outcome of the Burns & Associates Rate Study. The survey was extensive and expensive, and Mr. Bonnet believes the number may be quite a shock to our service system. Because of the cost of living in the State of California, it appears that the survey will show that our service providers are not able to pay enough to keep some of the direct support professionals (DSPs) that they have.

We have tremendous growth in the number of clients that are coming into our statewide system. There is concern about the sustainability of our unique service system. However, we have a new Governor and he has pledged to do better for the population that we serve. Interested individuals can show up at the upcoming hearings and participate in the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA's) Grassroots Day on Wednesday, April 3rd.

- **Information only.**
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Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of January 14, 2019 as submitted.

2. ***New Business***

- Conflict of Interest Plan
 - Mr. Lake read aloud the conflict resolution plan that will be submitted to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) on behalf of Paul Platner. This is a perceived conflict; Mr. Platner will not vote on any housing issues.

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to approve the conflict resolution plan as presented.

3. ***Policy Review***

- The "Nondiscrimination in Services" Policy will be reviewed at the March meeting.

4. ***Committee Reports***

- Board Development Committee (BDC)
 - The group reviewed the process when applications come in, as well as the draft letter that can be forwarded to applicants.
 - Ms. Walker expressed appreciation for the work that Mr. Ciampa has put into this project.
 - They discussed the timeline for Board Officer Nominations for the 2019-20 fiscal year (FY).
 - Discussed the suggested training topic of "succession planning" for the upcoming May Training.
 - Mr. Bonnet shared some ideas of how the Board could possibly engage younger folks.
- Personnel Committee
 - We are waiting on one more document from DDS and then a meeting will be scheduled.
- Facilitation/Support
 - No report was provided.

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

- Mr. Lake hopes that Board members will participate in ARCA's Grassroots Day on April 3rd at the State Capitol.
- ACRC has scheduled the annual Purchase of Service (POS) Expenditure Data Public Meetings. They will be held on Wednesday, March 13th, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 20th, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at ACRC's Sacramento office. Agency staff will share information about how funding is spent on the clients that we serve based on age, ethnicity, etc. Public comments will be gathered and we will discuss ideas on how to reach out to underserved communities.
 - Mr. Tiedemann shared that DDS' Research Unit is currently looking at this raw data in more detail.

6. Executive Director's Report

- This calendar year, one case has been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) and it supported ACRC's position. Last year, we received 12 decisions; nine supported ACRC's position, one supported the claimant's position and the remaining two were split decisions (granted in part, denied in part).
- Mr. Bonnet has been in contact with clinical staff at Kaiser Permanente with regard to kids that are dually diagnosed. Two states, Colorado and Maine, have short-term inpatient treatment programs and are having some success. Currently, ACRC collaborates with emergency responders on how to assist with the population that we serve. We will be looking at partnerships with other organizations and he may be coming to the Board for support.
- Alfonso Carmona, ACRC's Director of Adult & Residential Services, will be retiring in early April. Mr. Bonnet is looking at our agency's structure and ways to move forward.
- ACRC's union membership signed the collective bargaining agreement (CBA).

7. Announcements

- No announcements were shared.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 11, 2019**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet