

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2017
Minutes

Present:

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

Board Members:

Janet Brandon
Retha Seabron
Austin Taylor
Rita Walker

Absent: (* excused)

Anwar Safvi*, Finance Comm. Chair

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

Visitors:

Melissa Kelly

The Executive Committee met at 5:05 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2017, in the Brenda Smith Conference 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.

Without objection, Brendan Peacock made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of January 9, 2017 as submitted.

1. ***State Budget Update***

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

Discussion and Action: Mr. Bonnet shared that Governor Brown's proposed budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year (FY) is a "continuation" budget; there are no cuts and it includes additional funding for growth. Currently, ACRC has 22,000 clients.

The budget hearings will begin on Thursday, March 16th. Mr. Bonnet attended a legislative briefing at the beginning of this month and it was very positive. ACRC is making great progress with moving our clients into their own communities from the developmental centers (DCs). The biggest issue is the state's economy and resulting state's revenue.

- **Information only.**

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

- No update was shared.

3. **President's Comments**

- Mr. Peacock is encouraged that this Board continues to be inclusive; we should always include everyone in the decisions that are being made. We will continue to have new Board members who don't have the knowledge that others may have. He is hopeful that our Board's legacy will continue.

4. **Executive Director's Comments**

- ACRC has received 15 Fair Hearing (FH) requests this calendar year; one regarding eligibility and 14 regarding services. Four cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); all supported ACRC's position.
- With all of the activity regarding the Oroville Spillway, Mr. Bonnet continues to feel blessed to be part of this community. People have stepped up to support the 1,200+ clients who have been displaced from our catchment area. Advance preparation is key to dealing effectively with emergencies.
- The leadership at the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) is going through some changes. Eileen Richey has resigned and Amy Westling will be stepping in as Interim Executive Director at the end of this month. ARCA believes that an independent, unbiased recruitment agency to assist with this process is critical.
- The expansion of ACRC's Sacramento office is continuing; the construction will hopefully be completed in April. Staff morale remains positive. Our agency continues to hire new staff to help with the ever increasing caseloads.
- New staff attend "ACRC U", which provides opportunities for senior staff to share their experience and expertise with new hires.

5. **Announcements**

- No announcements were shared.

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

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet