

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

Present:

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

Board Members:

Romilda Jones
Steven Sanchez
Retha Seabron
Austin Taylor

Absent: (* excused)

Anwar Safvi*, Finance Comm. Chair

Staff:

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

Visitors:

Melissa Kelly
Cheryl Worthley

The Executive Committee met at 5:18 p.m. on Monday, March 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.

1. ***State Budget Update***

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

Discussion and Action: Mr. Bonnet shared that our State's Assembly held their budget meeting on March 1st, and the Senate's is scheduled for March 16th.

Governor Brown's budget is a "continuation" budget, with additional funding for regional center growth. During our recent Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting, Mr. Bonnet got the feeling that there has been some relief to our service providers. If the State keeps "Covered California" in place, it may cost billions of dollars; the concern is that money will have to come from somewhere.

Much more will be revealed with the May Revision, and then the hearings will begin.

The Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA's) Grassroots Day at the State Capitol is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th. If you are able to attend, please contact Ms. West.

- **Information only.**

****Steven Sanchez left the meeting***

Without objection, Brendan Peacock made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of February 13, 2017 as submitted.

2. Board Development Committee (BDC) Update

- Mr. Lake shared that the June Board Sponsored Training will be a provider spotlight from Eric Ciampa, the PAC's proposed designated representative to the Board for the upcoming fiscal year (FY). Mr. Ciampa works at UCP of Sacramento, Inc.
- The May Training will consist of a team building exercise. Then the group will discuss accountability and the purpose/responsibilities of each of the Board's committees.
- The Nominating Committee will be meeting this evening to discuss the Board's slate for the next FY.

3. President's Comments

- Mr. Lake will be filling in for Mr. Peacock at ARCA's Board meeting later this week.

4. Executive Director's Comments

- ACRC has received 19 Fair Hearing (FH) requests this calendar year; three regarding eligibility and 16 regarding services. Four cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); all supported ACRC's position.
- Mr. Bonnet shared that ACRC's Client Services Directors attended a statewide meeting last week where the group discussed the fear that some clients/families are starting to experience due to the proposed changes to the country's immigration plan. He is seeking the Board's input on how we could assist those that we serve.
 - This is about educating people about their rights. Committee members suggested possibly handling this in a passive way by posting a link on our agency's website and providing Service Coordinators (SCs) copies to distribute to clients and families upon request.
- ACRC's Purchase of Services (POS) Expenditure Meetings are scheduled for next Tuesday, March 21st, in Woodland and Sacramento. Mr. Bonnet has received information about pre-meetings that have been scheduled by Disability Rights California (DRC) and the State Council to help clients and families prepare for these meetings.
- Mr. Bonnet shared that the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has discovered a conflict of interest with Mr. Taylor's Board membership. Mr. Taylor is employed by the Lincoln Training Center, an ACRC service provider. Ms. West read aloud the proposed conflict resolution plan that will be sent to the department for review and approval.

5. Announcements

- Ms. Benson will be on vacation in Mexico from May 3rd – 10th.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 8, 2017**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet