

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

**Present:**

Brendan Peacock, President  
Dan Lake, Vice President  
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair  
(via phone)  
Cindy Benson, ARCA-CAC Rep (via  
phone)

**Board Members:**

Romilda Jones

**Staff:**

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

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Jacqueline Armstrong\*, Secretary  
Walter Kaweski\*, ARCA Rep

The Executive Committee met at 5:26 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2016, 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 Governor Brown signed into law the new Managed Care Organization (MCO) Reform bills. Direct care staff will have an approximate 7.5% increase to their salaries beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. This funding is a "pass-through" and providers will have to provide proof to the state how this money was spent.

There are also increases for Independent Living Services (ILS), Supported Living Services (SLS), in-home and out-of-home respite, and transportation. Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) will have a previous reduction lifted and a small increase. The bills increase the opportunities for internships and reinforce employers that take on interns.

Legislative hearings begin on Wednesday. It's important to note that the Governor's initial proposal for the 2016-17 fiscal year (FY) brings additional funding into our statewide system too.

Mr. Bonnet just came back from the State Capitol. He brought with him a mother and her son, who is a client of ACRC. They were all guests of Senator Beall, who read aloud a resolution celebrating the 50 years of the Lanterman Act's community-based service system. It was a wonderful experience!

- **Information only.**
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**Without objection, Brendan Peacock made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of February 8, 2016 as submitted.**

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

- No update was provided.

**3. President's Comments**

- Mr. Peacock expressed appreciation to Mr. Bonnet for representing ACRC at the State Capitol today. The Board of Directors is fortunate to have him and his leadership team.
- The Board will be looking at ways to support providers with the upcoming changes. We will also be concentrating on outreach opportunities in the community.

**4. Executive Director's Comments**

- So far this calendar year, we have received five Fair Hearing (FH) requests and have had one case decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH), which supported ACRC's position. Knowing that ACRC serves over 20,000 clients, it is remarkable that these statistics are so low.
- Tomorrow, March 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our first Purchase of Services (POS) Expenditure Data Meeting in Yuba City. On Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the second meeting will take place here at ACRC's Sacramento office. These meetings will provide the community with information about ACRC's expenditures broken down by different demographic categories.
- On Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) will be holding their annual Grassroots Day at the State Capitol. At last week's Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting, the group discussed the possibility of holding a "Thank You" rally on that same day. Mr. Bonnet discussed this with ARCA and they will be distributing a flyer by the end of this week to encourage everyone to attend and show appreciation to the State's Legislature for the additional funding that our statewide system is receiving.
- ACRC's Client Advisory Committee (CAC) will be holding their June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC). The group will be inviting parents and providers to join them for the day. If you are interested in attending, please contact Ms. West.

**5. Announcements**

- No announcements were shared.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 9, 2016**, at 5 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Phil Bonnet