

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2019
Minutes

Present:

Rita Walker, Vice President
Amy Lampe, Secretary
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair

Absent: (* excused)

Dan Lake*, President
Austin Taylor*, ARCA-CAC Rep

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Board Members:

Eric Ciampa
Michelle Rewerts
Retha Seabron
Yang Sun

Staff:

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

The Executive Committee met at 5:23 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) New Business; 3) Old Business; 4) Committee Reports; 5) President's Report; 6) Executive Director's Report; and 7) Announcements.

1. ***State Budget Update***

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

Discussion and Action: Mr. Bonnet shared that the Governor's budget is not all that we had hoped for but the numbers are impressive. This year's budget for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is nearly \$8.2 billion. The recent DDS rate study indicated a need of a \$1.8 million increase to provider rates; Governor Newsom included \$300 million for this purpose in his May Revise.

A major issue to our service system is the growth in the number of people that we serve; the numbers are staggering. In many states, if you do not qualify for the Medicaid Waiver, you do not receive services. Some states limit the number of individuals that they serve and also what services they provide; this controls costs and increases wait lists. California has the entitlement under the Lanterman Act.

The emphasis of the new trailer bill language is the oversight of regional centers. The goal is to increase transparency. There will be new restrictions on Boards.

We are also on the verge of the start of the Self-Determination Program (SDP). ACRC will be holding approximately 25 different trainings across our catchment area for the individuals that will be participating in the initial rollout. Mr. Bonnet noted that DDS has stated that this program will be cost-neutral.

- **Information only.**

****Yang Sun left the meeting***

Without objection, Rita Walker made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of March 11, 2019 as submitted.

2. *New Business*

- The proposed 2019-20 Board meeting schedule was distributed for review. It was noted that this schedule can be revised, as needed.

M/S/C (Amy Lampe) **To approve the proposed 2019-20 Board meeting schedule as presented.** (3 in favor)

3. *Old Business*

- Paul Platner's Conflict of Interest Update
 - ACRC received a letter from DDS acknowledging that Mr. Platner does not have a conflict of interest at this time.
- Rate Study
 - Mr. Ciampa shared that ACRC's service providers, as well as providers from across the state, attended the Senate Budget Subcommittee's Hearing last Thursday at the State Capitol.
 - There is a need for rate increases to make sure that our service system remains sustainable. There were some challenges with the rate study; the study can only go so far to show what service providers do. Burns & Associates came with a template of what they had used with other states, while California is unique.
 - The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released a comprehensive report which provided some suggestions on how to move forward.
 - The May Revise didn't focus on where the increase was going; more discussions are needed. Providers are questioning why our system is not the priority that we thought we were with Governor Newsom.
 - Senator Jeff Stone, a Republican from Temecula, was very passionate about the needs of our population and how the budget doesn't come close to meeting those needs.

4. *Committee Reports*

- Board Development Committee (BDC)
 - On May 23rd, Ami Sullivan, with Kinetic Flow, will be working with the Board on Succession Planning and Strategic Planning.
- Personnel Committee
 - More will be shared at the May Board meeting.

5. *President's Report*

- No comments were shared.

6. Executive Director's Report

- Mr. Bonnet shared with Mr. Tiedemann's upcoming retirement, and Alfonso Carmona's recent retirement, he has been working to restructure the agency. ACRC is now recruiting for a Director of Community Services.
 - Mr. Bonnet is excited about the changes and will be able to report some updates to the Board soon.
- This calendar year, ACRC has received 22 Fair Hearing (FH) requests; ten regarding eligibility and 12 regarding services. Four cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); two supported ACRC's position, and two supported the claimant's position.

7. Announcements

- The Board Training/Meeting will be held on May 23rd. The next committee meetings are scheduled for Monday, June 10th.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 10, 2019**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet