

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2016
Minutes

Present:

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

Board Members:

Steven Sanchez (via phone)
Rita Walker

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 5:07 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 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 a significant amount of money is coming to into our statewide system to increase the salaries and benefits for direct care staff both at regional centers and with service providers. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has told service providers that a portion of this funding should be used to cover the new minimum wage increase which will become effective next January. If the funding is not used for increasing salaries, the department will ask for it back.

We are still waiting for Governor Brown to release his May Revision. It is expected that more funding will be coming into our statewide system so that regional centers will be able to hire more Service Coordinators (SCs); ACRC could possibly hire 20 new SCs, which will help decrease our caseloads.

Mr. Bonnet will be meeting with DDS twice this week to discuss the closure of Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC).

This has been a good legislative year for us. All indications are that the funding is coming. Mr. Bonnet will send an email to the Board after the May Revision is released.

- **Information only.**
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Without objection, Brendan Peacock made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of March 14, 2016 as submitted.

2. Board Development Committee (BDC) Update

- No update was provided.

3. President's Comments

- Mr. Peacock is excited about the Board's outreach plan.
 - A suggestion was made to set-up a calendar to keep track of the outreach opportunities in our catchment area. Mr. Bonnet will speak with Patti Diamond, ACRC's Training Manager, about this.
- It's great to see the momentum swinging back to the positive side. It was difficult to remain optimistic when he started on the Board back in 2010.

4. Executive Director's Comments

- In 2015, ACRC received 79 Fair Hearing (FH) requests. So far this calendar year, we have received 18 FH requests; seven regarding eligibility and 11 regarding services. Two cases have been decided by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); both supported ACRC's position. Almost all of the requests get resolved at a lower level; informal or mediation. ACRC staff do not take a case before OAH unless we feel we are right. Currently, we have ten pending FHs; five regarding eligibility and four regarding services.
- Mr. Bonnet shared that his executive team consists of:
 - Peter Tiedemann, ACRC's Chief Operating Officer
 - Lori Banales and Alfonso Carmona, ACRC's Directors of Client Services
 - Camelia Houston, ACRC's Director of Intake and Clinical Services
 - Jason Lindo, ACRC's Associate Director of Client Services (he assists Lori and Alfonso)
 - Lisa West, who supports Mr. Bonnet and ACRC's Board of Directors
 - David Lopez, ACRC's Client Advocate

5. Announcements

- No announcements were shared.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 13, 2016**, at 5 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet