

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, September 10, 2018
Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, President
Amy Lampe, Secretary
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair
Austin Taylor, ARCA-CAC Rep

Board Members:

Jackie Armstrong
Eric Ciampa
Retha Seabron

Absent: (* excused)

Rita Walker*, Vice President

Visitors:

Melissa Kelly

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met at 5:04 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2018, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) State Budget Update; 2) 2019 Performance Contract; 3) Old Business; 4) New Business; 5) Committee Reports; 6) President's Report; 7) Executive Director's Report; and 8) Announcements.

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of July 9, 2018 as submitted.

1. ***State Budget Update***

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

Discussion and Action: Mr. Bonnet shared that the state is finalizing the first version of the 2019-20 fiscal year (FY) budget. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has been discussing how the initial money is distributed to regional centers at the beginning of the FY. Because of the way regional centers are funded, most have to utilize their line of credit in order to continue to pay providers; ACRC is one of them.

The recent rate survey is very important. Based upon what Mr. Bonnet has been hearing, a lot is riding on this survey and information is now being gathered from family members and clients. Whoever is elected to be the next Governor will factor in to how this plays out. Some individuals may be more sympathetic to our service population than others.

DDS has stated that the Self-Determination Program will be cost-neutral, although details are still being finalized.

In regards to the new Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) Rules, the original expectation was that every service provider would be in compliance by this upcoming spring. The date has been pushed to March 2022.

- **Information only.**

2. **2019 Performance Contract**

Issue: The committee needs to review ACRC's 2019 Performance Contract.

Discussion and Action: The draft 2019 Performance Contract was distributed and Mr. Bonnet provided a brief overview.

The contract now highlights measures related to employment and paid internship programs. It also includes measures related to reducing disparities and improving equity in purchase of services expenditures.

- **This item will go before the full Board for approval at the September 27th Board meeting.**

3. **Old Business**

- Board Meeting Facilitation/Support Workgroup Status (recent letters and discuss possibilities/direction)
 - Mr. Bonnet shared there were concerns expressed by several individuals about a facilitator of the Supported Life Institute (SLI).
- Input Policy recommendation/discussion (reviewed in July)
 - Mr. Lake questions why the Board has this policy.
 - Mr. Bonnet believes that if you look back to the days when this policy was adopted, the Board probably needed to make sure that everyone knew that input was valued and there would be no retaliation when it comes to feedback.
 - Those present discussed this policy and agreed that there is a definite difference between this policy and ACRC's Whistleblower Policy, which is reviewed on a yearly basis with each Board member.

4. **New Business**

- Attendance Issues (discussion/direction)
 - Mr. Lake shared that there is an attendance issue with one of our Board members; we have not heard from Rosa since March. She has not completed her conflict of interest statement for DDS for this fiscal year (FY).
 - As a Board, we need to make a decision.
- Complaints (discussion/direction)
 - Recently, the Board received a few complaints and by the time that Mr. Lake was made aware of them, Mr. Bonnet had already addressed them. He would like to make it a habit to send out a generic response to

acknowledge the individual's concern and let them know that they can reach out again if needed.

- Meeting Date changes for October & November due to holidays
 - Mr. Lake shared that due to upcoming regional center holidays, the October and November committee dates will need to be changed.
 - Meetings will be held on October 9th and November 5th.

5. *Committee Reports*

- Board Development Committee (BDC)
 - Mr. Ciampa and Mr. Lake will contact the seven applicants.
- Personnel Committee
 - The committee will be meeting in October.
 - Ms. West has emailed Board members Mr. Bonnet's evaluation to complete.
 - If anyone would like to be a member this committee, please let Mr. Lake know.

6. *President's Report*

- Mr. Lake congratulated Mr. Bonnet on his 12th anniversary with ACRC.
- He expressed appreciation to Mr. Bonnet and the provider community for the efforts on completing the DDS Rate Survey in August.
- Out of all 21 regional centers, ACRC has been ranked number one for our cost per client on the yearly rent survey.

7. *Executive Director's Report*

- Last year, ACRC received 81 Fair Hearing (FH) requests. So far this calendar year, we have received 42.

8. *Announcements*

- No announcements were shared.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 9, 2018**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet