

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 11, 2012

MINUTES

PRESENT

Mark Higgins, Chair
Larry DeBoer
Marjorie Heller
Al Marsella

NOT PRESENT

Mary Bakchachyan

STAFF

Diane Anand
Melinda Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 12, 2011 were approved by consensus.

BUDGET UPDATE

Ms. Anand advised the Committee that they could find in their packet the ARCA analysis of the November budget estimate for FY 2012-13. Ms. Anand reported that this has been a difficult budget to understand because of the unknowns surrounding the \$100 million budget cut for FY 2011-12 and \$200 million cut for FY 2012-13. She advised the Committee that Mr. Aulicino was in route to the Statewide Administrators Meeting in Sacramento where they will be discussing the budget details. A budget report will be given at the Board meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

AB 254 (Beall) – Developmental Services: Employment First Policy

Ms. Anand advised the Committee that they could find a copy of ARCA's "support if amended" letter to Assemblyman Beall regarding AB 254. The Committee focused its discussion on the

additional workload to regional center staff by the passage of this bill. **This was for review only, no action taken.**

THE WAY FORWARD

Ms. Anand advised the Committee that they could find the materials that were distributed for The Way Forward Planning Meeting on January 12, 2012 at Harbor Regional Center. It included the revised survey document, an agenda for the meeting, and a proposed list of recipients for the survey. Ms. Anand and Mr. Higgins will report on the outcome of the meeting at the board meeting.

The Committee agreed by consensus that: 1) demographics should be included, and 2) change the roman numerals.

PROPOSED RULEMAKING MEDICAID INTEGRITY VENDOR REQUIREMENTS

Ms. Anand advised the Committee that they could find in their packet ARCA's written comment on the proposed regulatory action of the Department of Developmental Services known as Medical Integrity Vendor Requirements. The Committee focused its discussion on the impact to the regional center system overall. **This was for review only, no action taken.**

ARCA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2011-12

Ms. Anand advised the Committee that Eileen Richey's first official day as ARCA's executive director was January 7th. Ms. Richey has been working closely with Mr. Baldo on the transition since the decision in December to hire her. Ms. Anand reported that the ARCA Executive Committee is developing an executive review process and a work plan. In order to develop a work plan, the ARCA Executive Committee agreed that prioritizing the existing ARCA Goals and Objectives is the most cost-effective and efficient process to achieve a consensus. Ms. Anand advised the Committee that they could find in their packet the matrix that organizes the goals and objectives into goals and performance measurements. She reported that ARCA is accepting recommendations/edits and will distribute the revised matrix at the January ARCA meeting.

After discussion, the Committee agreed by consensus to delegate the task of making recommendations/edits to Mr. Higgins and Ms. Anand.

ARCA TRAILER BILL SURVEY

The Committee reviewed the ARCA Trailer Bill Implementation Survey as of December 31, 2011. Ms. Anand expressed her concern regarding the myriad requirements in the budget trailer bill requiring implementation. She also reported a discussion at the December ARCA meeting

on the issue of priorities around a discussion of TBL implementation and the need to increase enrollment in the federal Medicaid Waiver which generates 40% of the funding for regional centers. Ms. Anand asked the Committee for its support in setting the Center's priority to focus on mission and good stewardship of the financial and human resources, and then to implement the requirements of the TBL as those resources, human and financial, permit. The Committee supported Ms. Anand's approach by consensus.

LOS ANGELES TIMES SERIES – Discovering Autism

The Committee engaged in a conversation regarding the recent four part series in the Los Angeles Times on "Discovering Autism" by Alan Zarembo. The Committee inquired if there was any reaction from the Lanterman Community regarding the articles. Ms. Anand and Ms. Sullivan reported that to their knowledge there has been no reaction from the community to date.

The Committee agreed by consensus that this should be an agenda item at the next board meeting with a focused discussion on acknowledging the disparity that was reported in the articles.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned for executive session at 1:24 pm to discuss pending litigation.

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