

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

August 10, 2011

MINUTES

PRESENT

Mark Higgins, Chair
Mary Bakchachyan
Larry DeBoer
Marjorie Heller
Al Marsella

STAFF

Diane Anand
Karen Ingram

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:13 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 13, 2011 were approved by consensus.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Proposal - Finding a Way Forward

Mr. Higgins advised the Committee that he will be attending a meeting on August 16, 2011 at the Harbor Regional Center with the Southern California Conference of Regional Center Directors and their respective board presidents or ARCA delegates to initiate a dialogue on the future direction of the community service system and to develop a comprehensive strategy that moves the system forward. Mr. Higgins will keep the Committee updated on its outcome.

Continuing Board Education

Mr. Higgins presented 3 ideas for continuing board education: 1) a day in the life of a service coordinator, 2) profiling client situations at certain time in their lives, and 3) a physical tour of the regional center. The Committee recommended adding "Board Committee Composition" to the list. Discussion followed.

The Committee was in agreement by consensus with the proposed ideas and Ms. Anand will incorporate the ideas as part of future board meetings.

PREVENTION PROGRAM ALLOCATION

Ms. Anand distributed the prevention resource and referral services allocation prepared by the Department of Developmental Services for information only. Discussion followed.

HOME OWNERSHIP FOR PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT (HOPE)

Ms. Anand and Ms. Ingram advised the Committee that they could find in their packet an explanatory memo related to the contract with HOPE for the purchase of 4 homes approved by DDS under Lanterman's housing plan for CPP clients. Ms. Anand and Ms. Ingram walked the Committee through the attachments which included: 1) two separate approval letters from DDS, 2) the umbrella funding agreement between HOPE and Lanterman, 3) the reimbursement agreement between Lanterman and HOPE for the \$900,000 to purchase the properties, and 4) the restrictive covenant that will be executed on each property at the time of escrow. Discussion followed.

One additional document will be coming to the Committee for review and approval regarding housing modifications.

Ms. Heller moved to recommend that the Board approve the reimbursement agreement dated August 4, 2011 with its exhibits (Restrictive Covenant, Funding Agreement, and DDS Approval Letters), Ms. Bakchachyan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LOS ANGELES TEA FESTIVAL

For Information Only –

Ms. Anand advised the Committee that the Chado Tea Rooms will be presenting the Los Angeles International Tea Festival on August 13th and 14th at the Japanese American National Museum. As part of Chado's ongoing support of programs that provide support to brothers and sisters of siblings with developmental disabilities, Chado has created a special blend of tea called Alson's Tea. The proceeds from the sale of tea will benefit sibling support programs and activities offered by the Center through its partnership with Pasadena Child Development Associates.

WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

Mr. Higgins advised the Committee that the Center received a communication from DDS dated August 1, 2011 regarding the Center's Whistleblower Policy. The Center has been informed that its policy does not conform with subsection (b) (4) of the contract with the Department. Mr. Higgins noted that the Department is requesting that the Center submit a revised policy within 30 days of their dated letter.

The Committee agreed by consensus to review the policy in relation to the contract with the Department at its meeting in September and will bring it to the Board for review and approval at their September Board meeting. Due to the timing of the next Executive Committee and Board Meeting, the Center would be unable to meet the Department's request by September 1st. The Department will be notified that the Center is in the process of reviewing the policy and will submit a revised policy after the September Board meeting.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Ms. Anand advised the Board that the Center in the process of scheduling Community Meetings to be held in September. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of hosting a Community Meeting in conjunction with the September board meeting.

The Committee agreed by consensus to hold two separate community meetings in English within the Lanterman catchment area along with its other scheduled meetings.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Ingram advised the Committee that there was no legislative update this month due to the legislature not being in session.

Ms. Ingram reported that the Assembly Health and Human Service Committee will meet on August 23rd to take testimony on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities Employment First Policy Recommendations. Ms. Ingram was asked by ARCA to present the association's prepared testimony on their behalf at the upcoming hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

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