

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 14, 2014

MINUTES

PRESENT

Larry DeBoer, Chair
Mark Higgins
Ray Lemus
Eduardo Solis

NOT PRESENT

Anila Guruji

STAFF

Melinda Sullivan
Karen Ingram

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lemus moved to approve the minutes of April 9, 2014, Mr. Higgins seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CONTRACTS OVER \$250,000.

Ms. Ingram reviewed with the Committee the following contract in accordance with the board approved policy for approval of contracts:

Year: FY 2013-14 CPP Residential Contracts

Amount of Start-up award/contract: 2 Contracts @ \$250,000. (To develop two homes that will serve up to 4 clients each.)

- Kimberly West-Isaac of CalWes Homes - \$250,000.
- Greer Davis of Waterstone of Los Angeles - \$250,000.

Mr. Higgins moved to recommend that the Board approve the awards to develop two homes that serve up to 4 clients each as presented, Mr. Lemus seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CMS FINAL RULE

Ms. Sullivan reported that the CMS final rule pertaining to Home and Community Based Services that applies to 1915(c) Waiver services as well as 1915(i) SPA services went into effect. Ms. Sullivan advised the Committee that while states have some time to modify their services depending on when their next Waiver or SPA applications are due, the final rule clarifies certain details. Ms. Sullivan reported that this is new and subject to interpretation.

LINE OF CREDIT

For Information Only –

Mr. Solis advised the committee that at the current rate of reimbursements by DDS, the Center would run out of cash in mid June. The Department is working with centers to allocate out what they can to avoid any shortfalls through the end of the fiscal year. Absent sufficient reimbursement, we would have to draw on our line of credit, which we have not had to do so far this year.

CHESBRO LETTER

Ms. Sullivan reminded the Committee that ARCA, along with the Lanterman Coalition, has been actively promoting the Coalition's eight budget priorities, and ARCA has been meeting directly with legislators. Assemblymember Chesbro has authored a letter asking his colleagues to sign on in support of the Lanterman Coalition's budget request, but has been getting a lot of silence from his colleagues and some reluctance to sign on. Ms. Sullivan advised the Committee that the Center worked with support groups on a letter campaign as there remains an opportunity to connect with legislators at the local level.

Ms. Sullivan reported that the next big occurrence will be next week, when the Governor issues the May Revise. It is hopeful that it will include money to renew Early Start.

CASELOAD RATIO

Ms. Sullivan advised the Committee that the Center received a letter from the Department informing the Center that as of March 1, 2014, Lanterman, did not meet the required caseload ratios for two consecutive reporting periods. As of March 2014, all regional centers are out of compliance. Lanterman is out of compliance by 27 service coordinators.

Ms. Sullivan reported that a plan of action is being prepared and needs to be presented at a community meeting. In the past a community meeting has been part of a board meeting, but the Committee agreed by consensus that given the agenda for the June meeting, the community meeting should be held in connection with the Programs and Services Committee.

The Committee discussed the idea that ARCA should use the documents prepared by DDS to coordinate a response from ARCA to the legislature on the inadequate funding to meet the caseload ratios that are mandated in the Welfare and Institutions Code.

HISTORY UPDATE – PRINTING

Ms. Sullivan advised the Committee that a proposal will be coming forward next month on the printing of the historical booklet using funds from the Lanterman Endowment Fund.

REPORT ON TRANSITION

Ms. Sullivan reported that she has been meeting with each executive staff person to review their respective workplans and discuss the challenges for 2015. In addition, Ms. Sullivan is working with the Community Services Unit and the Resource Center on calendaring “meet and greet” opportunities with service providers and support groups.

THE WAY FORWARD – FINAL BUDGET

Ms. Sullivan reminded the Committee that the Board approved up to \$25,000 from the Lanterman Endowment Fund for speaker expenses. Ms. Sullivan reported that the final amount needed was \$15,571.28.

DDS HIGHLIGHTS ON MAY REVISION

Ms. Sullivan advised the Committee that the Center received a copy of the Governor’s May Revision today and is sharing it with the Committee. Ms. Sullivan reported that ARCA has not had a chance to do their own analysis, but once it is received, it will be shared with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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