EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 9, 2012

MINUTES

PRESENT

Mark Higgins, Chair
Larry DeBoer
Marjorie Heller
Al Marsella

NOT PRESENT

Mary Bakchachyan

STAFF

Diane Anand
Patrick Aulicino
Melinda Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corrections to the Minutes: Wellspring

Strike: a pick
Addition: the pickup

...Ms. Anand advised the Committee that the Center is in process of arranging a pick the pickup of files within the next two days.

Mr. DeBoer moved to approve the minutes of April 11, 2012 with the above noted correction, Ms. Heller seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Aulicino and Ms. Anand advised the Committee that they did not have any specifics or details to date on how the Brown Administration proposes to achieve the proposed $200 million reduction for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 State Budget until next week when the Governor releases his budget revisions on May 14th. The Department was not able to provide any details as well as they are still finalizing numbers for release on May 14th as part of the Governor’s May Revision.

Ms. Anand advised the Committee that they could find a copy of the letter sent to DDS from North Los Angeles County Regional Center regarding notice of insufficient POS funding for Fiscal Year 2011-12, and their need to possibly access their line of credit. Mr. Aulicino reported that Lanterman is in a good position and does not expect to have to borrow from its line of credit. Mr. Aulicino reported that currently the Center is projecting a surplus of between $1.7 and $2.3 million in POS for this fiscal year.

DISPARITIES IN SERVICE UTILIZATION

Ms. Anand reported on the legislative hearing of April 30, 2012 which focused on the funding disparities in purchase of services for autism services throughout the system. She advised the Committee that they could find in their packet a follow-up article in the Los Angeles Times (May 2, 2012), by Alan Zarembo, on the outcome of the hearing. Ms. Anand reported that this issue is not new, and it has been researched at various points over the years. She reported that Lanterman is continuing to work on its report for what the situation is within its own catchment area.

ARCA POSITION STATEMENT

The Committee discussed the motion passed by Board at the April 25th meeting regarding support of the ARCA Budget Position Statement and its relation to the Center scheduling local legislative visits in May.

The Committee agreed by consensus to hold off on scheduling local legislative visits until the Governor releases the May Revision on May 14th to determine how the Brown Administration proposes to achieve the proposed $200 million reduction for the 2012-2013 State Budget year.

COMMUNITY CARE ORDINANCE

Ms. Anand advised the Committee that she has been contact by Ms. Kerry Morrison, Executive Director of Hollywood Property Owners Alliance, regarding a proposed ordinance that will require in a neighborhood zoned for single family homes and duplexes, that a home can only have one lease. If a home has two or more leases, such as where two families are sharing or
where a person with disabilities is living in shared housing, the ordinance would categorize the home as a "boarding house". Under current law, boarding houses are prohibited in residential zones. Ms. Anand advised the Committee that they could find detailed information on the issue in their packet. Ms. Anand reported that a coalition is developing to oppose this ordinance in Los Angeles and it remains an uphill battle.

The Committee discussed the concern for the developmental disability community and the unintended consequences it will have on group homes for the disabled in R1 and R2 zones.

The Committee agreed by consensus that in the essence of time, Mr. Higgins and Ms. Anand should draft and send a letter on behalf of the Board, opposing the proposed ordinance. The Board will be informed and given a copy of the letter at its May meeting.

MEDICAID INTEGRITY VENDORIZATION REQUIREMENTS REGULATIONS

For Information Only –

Ms. Anand shared with the Committee the comments and recommendations sent by ARCA to DDS on the Medicaid Integrity Regulations proposed by the Department.

The Committee discussed the workload impact on regional center staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned for executive session at 1:00 pm to discuss pending litigation.

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