

Alta California Regional Center
Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2019
Minutes

Present:

Michelle Ramirez, On My Own,
Chair
Eric Ciampa, UCP of
Sacramento, Inc., Co-Chair &
Design. Dir.
James Astorga, F&A Astorga Care
Home
Andrea Croom, INALLIANCE
Jacquie Dillard-Foss, STEP
Ed Doonan, LIFE, Inc.
Bonnie Douglas, Turning Point
Joe Jaquez, EGACT
Antonio Ranit, Antelope Hills
Manor
Robin Rhoades, Southside
Unlimited
Joy Scott, Tri-County Caregiver
Relief
Laleh Sharpe, Maxim Healthcare
Services
Peter Stirling, Serenity Respite
Services

Absent: (* excused)

Janet Brandon*, AIM &
Associates
Joe Hernandez*, Premier
Healthcare Services
Jessica Knuth*, Reach Adult
Development
Sergio Pinto*, BEST Consulting,
Inc.
Yvonne Soto*, DDSO
Paul Traglio*, Capitol Autism
Services
Carole Watilo*, Progressive
Employment

Visitors:

Nick Abela
Hazel Aldax
Jody Bailey
Garrett Broadbent
Breeanne Burris
Maria Davila
Tim DeBack
Lindsey Dyba
Sonya Fox-Watson
Adriene Gaudet
Kate Halecky
Agnes Ranit
Juliana Roura Ganitoen
Adam Ruggles
Todd Ruggles
Nicky Schluep
Jasmine Vollenweider

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
John Decker, Director of Community
Services
Darline Dupree, Manager of
Community Services
Andy Ponce, Specialized Services
Manager
Brittany Mangum, Executive
Assistant

The Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) met at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2019, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) Board Update; 2) Executive Director's Report; 3) Legislative Update; 4) Vendor Forum Update & Liaison Assignments; 5) PAC's Goals for the 2019-20 FY; and 6) Announcements/Comments. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Michelle Ramirez made the motion to approve the Provider Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 12, 2019 as submitted.

1. Board Update

- Board Member Training Public in Placerville – day of board training fact finding, RC planning
- Staff presentations on the services in area, demographic, service development activities in El Dorado County.
- Board training – roles and responsibilities, social media outreach & communication.

2. Executive Director's Report

- Mr. Bonnet shared the OIG audit experience. The primary focus was on RC follow up responses to SIR's. We were one of five Regional Centers chosen to participate in the audit. The audit itself is actually of DDS.
- The wind is picking up and the power is out in our outlying areas. Our offices in Placerville and Grass Valley are closed during the outages. The governor has declared an emergency due to the wind and this will hopefully help those affected. DDS has acknowledged that generators are an issue, but there are no generators in the area.
- Committee attendees would like to start a sub-committee regarding emergency preparedness. Sac County has MHAC. Volunteers for this committee are: Antonio (Chair), Andrea, Michelle, Jacquie, Monique McDonald, & Joy
- Phil shares the new social media pages for ACRC
 - **Facebook:** ACRC- Alta California Regional Center
 - **Instagram:** @alta_rc
 - **Twitter:** @AltaCal_RC
- We are undergoing changes to our website and a survey was sent out. Those who are registered through our online subscription received a survey regarding needs and wants for our website. Please take the survey so you can help us better the website.
- Phil introduced Andy Ponce, Supervisor of the Specialized Services Unit. Andy is now supporting the facility liaisons.

3. Legislative Update (ARCA, ANCOR, CDSA, CSLN, Lanterman Coalition)

- ARCA – none

- ANCOR – Discussion of appropriate workers comp codes and if a few IDD classification would be beneficial
- CDSA – had annual meeting last month and there are not really updates. 8.2% increase will still be implemented Jan 1st. Finalized rates are supposed to come out at the end of October. These rates are separate to the minimum wage increase.
- CSLN – on Jan 27th & 28th CSLN is holding a Public Policy Event at Capitol Mall 9-5 on day 1. Lunch will be provided. PAVE project was a grant given by the State Council. Grant will be through 2020. HCBS Transition Grants – Some Regional Centers are asking funds be allocated through March 1st. ACRC has extended our contract to ensure our funds are allocated appropriately. For anyone who has gone through the process, money has not been given back.
- Lanterman Coalition – No Updates

4. **Vendor Forum Update & Liaison Assignments**

- An updated list was distributed for review. There are no updates. Phil attended the CAC and there was a presentation sharing the abuse towards clients in the community.
- John Doyle, Deputy Director, is leaving DDS.
- Eric Ciampa provided a transportation update. Sac Regional Transit (RT) voted to take the ADA service from Paratransit and bring it back in-house. And to end what is known as “the four-party agreement” between RT, the City of Sacramento, the County of Sacramento, and the Sacramento Council Area of Governments (SACOG). This change will take effect April 1, 2020. This means clients accessing specialized transportation services will need to schedule rides with either RT or Paratransit after April 1st, depending on their address. There are concerns about how this change will impact our population.
- MAC- mobility advisory committee for Regional Transit.
- The PAC authorized creation of an Ad-Hoc Transportation Committee to discuss: Eric (Chair), Jacquie, Andrea, Adam, Joe J., John Decker and Silas (ACRC).
- The LT Governor’s Office was here, Assembly Staffers, Reps for Housing Development, RC Executive Directors. The group is trying to see how we can manage the current housing crisis for those with DD.
 - Convene stakeholders to drive systems change and cross-sector alignment for supportive housing expansion.
 - Collect and share housing data allocation for supportive housing expansion.
 - Secure new funding to meet affordable and supportive housing needs of people with IDD.

- Promote individual and local housing outcomes through housing access services to identify housing opportunities for people with IDD.
- There were panels held and presentations of new projects for multi-family housing. We are receiving \$25 million towards this project. The struggle is to get all 21 Regional Centers on board. We have about 10 who are currently scheduled for this. There is a push to get \$100 million from the money that was for the State Developmental Centers.
- Housing Access Services is a service provider that you pay that can work with providers to help find low-cost housing for clients. Many Regional Centers are trying to develop these kinds of services.
- The Lanterman Act does not fund housing. This is a common misconception.

5. ***PAC's Goals for the 2019-20 FY***

- *Training Resource* – there is a page on the ACRC website that can provide resources. <https://www.altaregional.org/service-provider-training>
- *Community Development* – Focus on building more connectivity with LPA/School Systems and Adult Services/ Regional Center System
- Assist providers with participation in the SDP.
- Housing – Outreach to housing authority for housing agency to attend and present housing issues to the PAC. There is a subgroup that will meet. Support and take action initiatives related to housing. John shares that we are working with the Sacramento Housing & Redevelopment Agency. John recommended that they come to speak at a future Housing Group meeting.
- There are concerns that the current goals are outdated and do not have the most current, pressing issues included. There will be a brainstorming session to see what new ideas are for goals.

6. ***Announcements/Comments***

- Joy shared that she attended Michelle's HR meeting. If you are interested in attending future meetings, please let Michelle know. The broker from Pan America announced that she is putting new content in the new training. Please let Michelle know if you would like to attend or you can register on Event Brite.
- *RFPs* – 2 of 8 have been approved. We did get funding for another enhanced behavioral support home. ACRC was selected (1 of 3 Regional Centers) to open up a crisis home for children. The RFP will go out today and will hopefully be in contract in January.
- There is a RFP for a special start-up opportunity for a service provider to serve in the El Dorado Co. This would have to be by someone who

already has property in the area. We are trying to increase our capacity in this area.

- Vendor Relations Committee – no revisions made.

The next PAC meeting is scheduled on **Thursday, November 14, 2019**, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Brittany Mangum
Executive Assistant

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet