

Alta California Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 8, 2010
Minutes

Present:

Cindy Richards, Desig. Dir. – Acting
Chair
Cindy Benson
Gordon Bonar (via phone)
Deanna Brandon
Lisa Cooley
Tammy Eudy
Tom Hopkins
Romilda Jones
Amy Lampe
Sheryl Ledford
Spencer McClay
Karen Miller
Robert Rogers

Absent: (* excused)

Damon Mulford
Brian Thompson*

Board Members:

Jon Nelson

Facilitators:

Jana Chapman-Plon
Cheryl DeForest
Amy Fulk
Kristi Jogis
Charles Morse
Larry Prosser
Maria Scudiero
Anna Vautier
Jolene Woodford

Visitors:

Ed Plon, Supported Life
Institute/Self-Advocacy Coordination
Project
Steven Sanchez (via phone)

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
David Lopez, Consumer Advocate
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:06 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center (Alta) to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Lisa Cooley's report from the Western States Conference (DRC & University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities); 3) Current List of CAC members – Attendance Guidelines; 4) Nominations & Elections for Committee Chair & Designated Representative to the Board of Directors; 5) Updates; and 6) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

M/S/C (Deanna/Spencer) To approve the CAC meeting minutes of May 11, 2010.

1. ***Executive Director's Report***

- Phil shared Alta's 40th Anniversary was a wonderful celebration. He wanted to personally thank Spencer and other members for their contributions to make this event memorable. All extra donations will be given to our Santa Committee, which assists consumers and families during the holidays. Phil shared we had many guest speakers and had many sponsors; Alta did not spend agency funds on this celebration.



M/S/C (Cindy B./Romilda) **To have this committee send a thank you note to the volunteers for helping out at ACRC's 40th Anniversary.**

- Cindy R. asked if Alta could pay for vans to help consumers picket the State of California's Legislature. Phil doesn't believe the agency can pay for this. The enemy is the economy; everyone is being cut. He suggests going down to the State Capitol and talking with your local legislators about the services that you receive from the regional center. Legislators want to know how the state can provide services and still save money.
- We begin a new fiscal year (FY) on July 1, 2010. It is difficult to have a signed budget by this date. The State of California is facing a \$20 billion deficit for this next FY. Currently, the Governor is proposing an additional 1.25% cut to provider rates and regional center Operations budgets. Phil explained that when there is no signed budget, the money stops flowing across the state and the state begins to issue warrants for bills they cannot pay. Alta, along with other regional centers, is beginning to have cash flow problems and will begin to tap into our line of credit next week.

2. ***Lisa Cooley's report from the Western States Conference (DRC & University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities)***

Issue: Committee was provided a presentation about the Western States Conference.

Discussion and Action: Lisa C. went to Portland, Oregon, and attended the Western States Conference in May. This conference represented three organizations – Disability Rights California (DRC), University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and the National Disability Rights Network.

Lisa C. attended several sessions:

- General session with the new Commissioner on Developmental Disabilities, Sharon Lewis.
 - A session on how to include consumers on Boards and committees, and how to make things more consumer-friendly.
 - Another session on how to sustain the Developmental Disabilities Services in California and other states.
- **Information only.**



3. ***Current List of CAC members – Attendance Guidelines***

Issue: Committee needs to discuss attendance guidelines.



Discussion and Action: Cindy R. shared that the CAC has a rule that after the third (3rd) unexcused absence in six (6) months, the committee chair shall ask that the member be replaced. Cheryll B. has indicated that she will not be able to attend future meetings and Peter C. has moved out of Alta's catchment area.

- **Cheryll B. and Peter C. will be removed from this committee's member list.**

4. ***Nominations & Elections for Committee Chair & Designated Representative to the Board of Directors***

Issue: Committee needs to hold elections for the Chair and Designated Representative to the Board of Directors.



Discussion and Action: As discussed at last month's meeting, members indicated their desire to serve and the CAC Chair and Designated Representative to the Board of Directors for the next FY.

Nominations for the CAC Chair are as follows:

- Cindy Benson
- Tammy Eudy
- Romilda Jones
- Sheryl Ledford
- Spencer McClay
- Cindy Richards
- Robert Rogers

- **Spencer McClay is elected as the CAC Chair for the 2010-11 FY.**

Nominations for the CAC Designated Representative to the Board of Directors are as follows:

- Cindy Benson
- Deanna Brandon
- Cindy Richards
- Brian Thompson

- **Cindy Richards is nominated as the Designated Representative to the Board of Directors for the 2010-11 FY.**

5. **Updates**



◆ SACP

- Tom shared there was no SACP Advisory Committee meeting in May, because they held the Leadership Seminar where they talked about fundraising and writing a fundraising manual.
- There will be no committee meeting this month because of the People First Convention this weekend.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 14th.

◆ PFC

- Cindy R. shared what different Chapters are doing.
 - The Auburn Chapter had a car wash and raised \$102. They are sending three members to the People First Convention this weekend.
 - The Lake Tahoe Chapter held a spaghetti feed and raised \$1000.
 - The Marysville Chapter had a spaghetti dinner and raise \$250. They will be having a barbeque in July at the Holiday Food Market. Their chapter has all officer positions filled! They also have a Facebook page.
 - The Nevada Chapter helped clean up the fair grounds. Their chapter has new officers.
 - The Placerville Chapter has had several speakers at their meetings. They are sending one member to the People First Convention this weekend.

◆ ARCA-CAC

- Spencer shared the ARCA-CAC meeting was held on May 28, 2010 in Sacramento.
 - Michael Statti, from North Bay Regional Center, was named the new Chair for this next FY.
 - Sam Yi will be given the Sam Yi award at ARCA's Annual Awards dinner on June 24, 2010.
 - Anh provided a budget and legislative update.
 - Amy will be replacing Spencer as Alta's representative to the ARCA-CAC.

◆ Board Update

- Cindy R. attended the Board meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2010.
 - Board members received recognition for their year of service.
 - Board Officers for the next FY will be held in June.
- The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 24, 2010.

6. *Public Comments/Announcement*



- Gordon shared that the date has been changed for the People First of Lake Tahoe's barbeque. It will be held on Sunday, July 18th, from 2:30 to 8 p.m.
- Jon Nelson would like the committee to consider not meeting one month and getting together to meet with our local legislators at the State Capitol.
- Amy shared the Art Center will be holding a carwash this Friday, June 11th, from 9 to 11:45 a.m. at 732 Plumas Street in Yuba City.
- Amy is asking for prayers for Dawn Adams.
- David expressed his appreciation for the committee's recognition of Cynthia Rhoads; her dream was to be Chair of this committee. He also wanted to acknowledge Cindy R. for stepping up and filling in after Cynthia passed away last year. This committee kept moving forward and he appreciates everyone.
- Cindy B. requested that the Chair sit at the head of the table so that he/she can see everyone that is in attendance.
- Ed shared a Service Coordinator (SC) mentioned that there are resources in the Kelso Library that may need to be put into consumer-friendly format. He would like this committee to think about how this library could become a resource for consumers. The SC could possibly speak at the July meeting regarding this topic.
- Cindy B. would like a representative from Social Security to come in to speak to this committee at a future meeting.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 13, 2010**, from 2 to 4 p.m.
The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet