

Alta California Regional Center
Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2011
Minutes

Present:

Austin Taylor, Chair
Deanna Brandon, Desig. Dir.
Gordon Bonar (via phone)
Tammy Eudy
Romilda Jones
Sheryl Ledford
Karen Miller
Zachary Miller
Lindsay Platz

Absent: (* excused)

Cindy Benson*
Lisa Cooley*
Tom Hopkins*
Amy Lampe*
Spencer McClay*
Robert Rogers*
Steven Sanchez*
Brian Thompson

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk
Jennifer Lile
Maria Scudiero
Cheryl Sutherland
Jolene Woodford
Joe Yarrow

Visitors:

Daniel Meadows, Disability Rights
California
Mary Agnes Nolan, Area Board III
Ed Plon, Supported Life
Institute/Self-Advocacy Coordination
Project

Staff:

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

The Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:02 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center (Alta) to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Updates; 3) Public Comments/Announcements; and 4) Break-out into Focus Groups. All present provided self-introductions.

- In last month's SACP meeting, members discussed how they could save time and be more productive during Alta's CAC meetings. Austin shared we will no longer be reading the minutes during the meeting; committee members should read the minutes prior to the meeting.

M/S/C (Sheryl/Romilda) To approve the CAC meeting minutes of October 11, 2011.

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

- Phil expressed his appreciation for the folks in Yuba City; he was able to spend some time with the Yuba/Sutter People First Chapter last month. Phil was impressed with the Chapter President's excellent presentation.
- Alta is waiting for the C-2 allocation from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Once it is received, we will have a better idea of what our budget will be for the current fiscal year (FY) that began on July 1st. The state's revenues are falling behind what was originally



projected, so if the trigger is pulled on December 15th, Alta's share of the \$100 million cut would be approximately \$7 million.

- Alta staff need to ensure that the services that we buy for a consumer is what they need and that the services correspond to the objectives of their Individual Program Plan (IPP).
- When consumers and family members showed up at the State Capitol in March, the legislators took notice. The most powerful thing that you have is your voice.
 - Zach shared that Assembly member Roger Dickinson will be attending the South Area People First Chapter Meeting on Saturday, December 10th, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Phil shared that 200 Alta consumers attend Orange Grove Adult School in the San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD). SJUSD has decided to close all adult education programs. Alta staff met with a group of parents this morning to discuss possibly turning the campus into something like a "Center of Excellence" with several providers on site. While we are doing that, we have to remember that the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) has passed the "Employment First" Policy. This means that if the state's going to spend money on a day program, the primary outcome for consumers that attend that program is to gain employment. Phil believes everyone can contribute in some way.
- The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) will be holding a New Day Conference in Pasadena next year. The focus of this conference will be employment and housing. Phil will be sending two people from this committee on a scholarship. The committee will need to develop criteria for the nominations in January; this will be placed on the agenda.

2. *Updates*

◆ SACP



- Zach shared that the last meeting was held on October 12th. The group discussed the following:
 - Talked about going out to police and fire stations to discuss how to interact with developmentally disabled individuals.
 - The group wants to focus on outreach; possibly go out to high schools and talk with individuals.

◆ ARCA-CAC

- No update was shared.

◆ Alta Board

- Deanna shared that the Board met on October 27th and discussed the following:
 - Alta will no longer have the Family Advisory Committee (FAC).

- A vendor fair was held at the Orange Grove Adult School on Thursday, November 3rd.
- SB 946, the Autism Insurance Mandate Bill, was signed by the Governor.
- The next Alta Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17th.

3. *Public Comments/Announcement*



- Karen suggested getting together in December and having a party. The group will meet on Tuesday, December 13th, at the Supported Life Institute from 2 to 4 p.m. for a potluck.
- Tammy shared that the SCDD is looking for persons who are interested in serving on the State Council. There are currently two open positions for persons with developmental disabilities (self-advocates) and one open position for a representative from a nongovernmental agency or group concerned with the provision of services to persons with developmental disabilities. The SCDD meets six times per year. If anyone is interested, please contact Melissa Corral at (916) 322-5602 or Melissa.corral@scdd.ca.gov.
- David attended DDS' CAC meeting today where they were speaking about the National Core Indicators. He would like to put together a spotlight about this and share it at one of the upcoming meetings. It is similar to the Life Quality Assessment that Area Board III used to do.
- In the near future, a group will be going out to UCP to hold different presentations; David will be giving a Self & Peer Advocacy Presentation, Zach will be presenting on Local People First Chapters, and Austin will be sharing information about Alta's CAC. David wants to continue to work with committee members to spread the word about the CAC and peer advocacy.
- Gordon shared that the People First of Lake Tahoe Chapter will be building bird feeders on Thursday, November 17th, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Choices Transitional Services. Come by and join them in the fun! Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served.
- Thursday, December 15th, is Gordon's birthday!
- Sheryl is going on vacation to Thunder Valley Casino!
- Deanna's sister got married last week.
- As of last Friday, Tammy is living in her own two-bedroom apartment with a live in aide!

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 10, 2012**, from 2 to 4 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. and the focus group continued to work on the CAC blog.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet