

Alta California Regional Center
Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 10, 2010
Minutes

Present:

Becky Brubaker, EGACT, Co-Chair
Melvina Allen, Allen's Care Home
Diana DeRodeff, INALLIANCE
Ed Doonan, LIFE, Inc.
Susan Miner, Turning Point
Dawn Montgomery, HOPE Consulting
Lindie Moore Evans, MECUH
Antonio Ranit, Antelope Hills Manor
Robin Rhoades, Southside Art Center
Kristie Rood, Odyssey Learning Center
Dianne Rose, Tri-County Respite
Will Sanford, Futures Explored
Kathie Wright, Easter Seals Superior CA

Absent: (* excused)

Jacquie Dillard-Foss*, STEP, CO-Chair
Gregory Buch*, Ph.D., PALS
Gerrit deGelleke*, American River Speech
Steve Graham, ATG Rehab
Karen Fittinger, Bright Start Therapies
Jackie Smith*, RCCA-Sacramento

Board Members:

Nancy Lea

Visitors:

Christy Brawner
Nancy Chance
Roger Chapman
Melissa Christopher
Kathryn Cipponeri
Ben Davidson
Maureen Fitzgerald
Barbara Guenther
Tanya Hartle
Dan Huffman
Jennifer Murray
Sergio Pinto
Michelle Ramirez
Joy Scott
Amanda Schnepel
Lindsey Smith
Judy Teixeira
Laura Trost
Carole Watilo
Inta Wood

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
Lori Banales, Director of Consumer Services – West
Olivia Balcao, Director of Consumer Service Support
Jennifer Crick, Director of Human Resources
Maureen Paine, Supervisor
Andrew Ponce, Community Services
David Rydquist, Director of Consumer Services – East
Kevin Simpson, Supervisor
Vicki Smith, Supervisor
Pete Tiedemann, Chief Operating Officer
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) met at 9:35 a.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2010, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) Staff Presentation regarding changes to the Lanterman Act; 2) Nomination & Election of Chair and Designated Representative to the Board of Directors for the next fiscal year (2010-11); 3) Legislative Update; and 4) Announcements/Comments. All present provided self-introductions.

1. ***Staff presentation regarding changes to the Lanterman Act***

Issue: Committee received a presentation from staff regarding the changes to the Lanterman Act.

Discussion and Action: Mr. Bonnet shared that with the budget crisis, banks are being a little bit more difficult with regional center's lines of credit. The agency will need to tap into our line of credit by next week. Currently, as mentioned at the last meeting, ACRC is receiving approximately 60% of the amount that is being billed to the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDS).

Mr. Bonnet shared that ACRC has 45 unfilled vacancies agency-wide. Making sure providers are paid on time is a priority for us. He has never seen the cash flow so tight at this point in the year. He noted that we will spend a quarter of a billion dollars on provider services in this fiscal year (FY).

The Senate Health & Human Services Committee is looking at Federal reimbursement. ACRC is being singled out because of our substantial generation of Federal dollars into the system. Thanks to staff and providers, this agency is being noticed at the State level.

Currently, ACRC is projecting up to \$5 million shortfall in Purchase of Services (POS) for this FY. DDS continues to believe there is enough money in the statewide system to balance.

As was asked at previous meetings, staff are providing a presentation on the changes to the Lanterman Act.

ABX4 9, Chapter 9 Statutes of 2009, which was enacted on July 28, 2009, directly affected regional centers and the developmental services system. Regional centers were charged with saving \$334 million in 2009-10. Service Coordinators (SCs) need to pursue natural supports and generic resources as the first consideration in every case and they also need to monitor for outcomes.

The POS Review Committee is now mandated by the Lanterman Act. Several committees have been established as "branches" of this POS Review Committee. They are as follows:

- o ILS/SLS
- o Durable Medical Equipment/Medical
- o Adult Day Programs
- o Residential Options & Supplemental Staffing
- o Behavioral Services Committee
- o Mental Health Consultation Committee

Prior to committee review, SCs are asked to consider:

1. What are the presenting issues?
2. What additional information would be helpful to assess the situation?
3. What questions need to be asked to determine if the requested service is the most appropriate service?
4. What are the questions that need to be asked before ACRC will fund it?
5. Is the service requested related to the person's disability?
6. Is there a generic resource in the community that should be utilized?
7. Have I explored all "natural supports"?
8. Is this the least costly way to meet the IPP goal?
9. Is the request within ACRC Service Policy guidelines or is an exception needed?

Committees are comprised from members of different departments of the agency so that an informed recommendation can be made and be taken back to the Planning Team for discussion.

The agency uses the definitions from 42 USC 15002 Sec. 102 for the words "inclusion" and "integration" as:

- o The term "inclusion" is used with respect to individuals with developmental disabilities, means the acceptance and encouragement of the presence and participation of individuals with developmental disabilities, by individuals without disabilities, in social, educational, work, and community activities, that enables individuals with developmental disabilities to:
 - Have friendships and relationships with others
 - Live in homes close to community resources with community contact

- Enjoy full access to active participation in same community activities and types of employment as individuals without disabilities
- Take full advantage of their integration into the same community resources as individuals without disabilities, living, learning, working, and enjoying life in regular contact with individuals without disabilities
- The term “integration” used with respect to individuals with developmental disabilities, means exercising the equal right of individuals with developmental disabilities to access and use the same community resources as are used by and available to other individuals.
 - Integration is the state of mind and goal of any effective training program regardless of the setting that allows full and meaningful participation in a full range of activities.

If Supervisors are not aware that someone is not following the process, providers should contact them, in a respectful way, so that things can be reviewed. We all want to do what is in the best interest of our consumers.

DDS has put out an IPP manual, which states that the provider role in the IPP is as follows:

- Providers are an essential element of the service delivery system.
- Their role is to provide the services and supports that assist consumers and families in achieving the greatest self-sufficiency possible and in exercising personal choices.
- They assist consumers and families in working toward their preferred futures as identified during the IPP process.
- Providers do not prescribe preferred futures, but respect the choices of the consumers and families they serve.

Committee members expressed their appreciation for this presentation.

- **Those present should send their questions to Barbara Guenther at barbaraq@placerarc.org, so that she can compile a list to be addressed at the July meeting.**

M/S/C (Rhoades/Montgomery) To approve the Provider Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 13, 2010.

2. ***Nomination & Election of Chair and Designated Representative to the Board of Directors for the next FY (2010-11)***

Issue: Committee needs to elect the Chair and Designated Representative to the Board of Directors for the next FY.

Discussion and Action: Ms. West shared that Rebecca Brubaker has been nominated as Chair and Jacquie Dillard-Foss has been nominated as the Designated Representative to the Board of Directors for the next FY. She clarified that this is for a one-year term. Ms. West shared that Jackie Smith withdrew her name from the nominations.

M/S/C (Sanford/DeRodeff) **To close the nominations.**

By consensus, Rebecca Brubaker is elected Chair and Jacquie Dillard-Foss is nominated as the Designated Representative to the Board of Directors for the 2010-11 FY.

3. ***Legislative Update***

- Mr. Sanford shared the 1.25% discount to provider rates and regional center Operations (OPS) is in Conference Committee. The Assembly is asking to not adopt this recommendation.
- At the Federal level, the Senate put forward the extension of the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), but the Assembly did not. This item is in Conference Committee also. Currently, there is a push to get the Federal Government to extend it for a few more months.
- The legislators are looking at modifying the trailer bill language; replacing the term "regional center" with "interdisciplinary team".
- The legislators are also reviewing the Housing Bill and trying to solve issues required by the trailer bill language around private insurance for autism services.

4. ***Announcements/Comments***

- Ms. Chance shared that Marty Omoto's training entitled "Accountability with Action" will be held next Monday, June 14th, from 1 to 3:15 p.m. at the Rancho Cordova City Hall, Room – American River South. She believes this an effective strategy and approach and would like to encourage providers to attend.
- Ms. Rhoades shared that Diane Fournier, who was Chair of the PAC Outreach Sub-Committee, is no longer with UCP. Ms. Brubaker volunteered to sit on this committee.
- Mr. Bonnet expressed his appreciation for everyone who attended ACRC's 40th Anniversary celebration last Thursday evening. To see how many people are still committed to the regional center was

wonderful. ACRC was able to hold this event and not spend any agency funds thanks to many donations.

The next PAC meeting is scheduled on **Thursday, July 8, 2010**, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet