

Alta California Regional Center  
Provider Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday, November 10, 2016  
Minutes

**Present:**

Eric Ciampa, UCP of  
Sacramento, Inc., Chair  
Janet Brandon, AIM &  
Associates, Co-Chair & Design.  
Dir.  
Becky Brubaker, EGACTION  
Jacquie Dillard-Foss, STEP  
Ed Doonan, LIFE, Inc.  
Bonnie Douglas, Turning Point  
Sergio Pinto, BEST Consulting,  
Inc.  
Michelle Ramirez, On My Own  
Robin Rhoades, Southside Art  
Center  
Will Sanford, Futures Explored  
Joy Scott, Tri-County Caregiver  
Relief  
Laleh Sharpe, Maxim Healthcare  
Services  
Yvonne Soto, DDSO  
Paul Traglio, Capitol Autism  
Services  
Carole Watilo, Progressive  
Employment

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Gerrit deGelleke, American River  
Speech  
Dawn Montgomery\*, HOPE  
Consulting  
Antonio Ranit\*, Antelope Hills  
Manor  
Peter Stirling, Serenity Respite  
Services

**Visitors:**

Sandy Bishop  
Courtney Cadenhead  
Andrea Croom  
Kate Halecky  
Rachel Hamilton  
Norman Kunc  
Kimberly Meade  
Susan Miner  
Michelle Nobile  
Fred Patawaran  
Lou Patawaran  
Nicky Schlupe  
Austin Taylor  
Emma Van der Klift  
Karre Williams

**Staff:**

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director  
John Decker, Manager of  
CPP/Forensics Unit  
Jean Onesi, Manager of  
Community Services  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) met at 9:36 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2016, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Vendor Forum

Update; 3) ACRC RFP Update; 4) Training Resource – Conversations that Matter; 5) Sub-Committee Updates; 6) Updates; 7) Legislative Update; 8) Board Update; and 9) Announcements/Comments. All present provided self-introductions.

**Without objection, Eric Ciampa made the motion to approve the Provider Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 13, 2016 as submitted.**

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

- Mr. Bonnet spoke with the Director of the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) and they believe it's important to be partners and be vocal when looking at federal dollars. It doesn't look like our service system will be a huge priority for the new administration that will taking control of our country the first part of next year. Mr. Trump is currently meeting with President Obama, while DDS staff are in Washington D.C. at a conference.
- The department is creating a new "DDS Dashboard" – Mr. Bonnet just came from a webinar this morning which reviewed the first dashboard. It has information about the numbers of individuals in the state that are part of the workplace/workforce. Mr. Bonnet doesn't know if providers will be able to comment on this data before it is released to the public. He believes that DDS may be releasing this information due to the diversity issue that the state is currently discussing.
- Mr. Bonnet shared his appreciation to all that assisted with and participated in ACRC's **LA50** celebration on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

2. ***Vendor Forum Update***

- ACRC held four vendor forums in October, three in November, and six are scheduled for December.
- Ms. Onesi shared that the forums have been well attended and the discussions are collaborative in nature.

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- Mr. Ciampa shared that some providers have expressed concern about implementing the funding that came into our service system on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Are there any concerns about how the increases are being implemented? How are folks managing it?
    - Ms. Dillard-Foss shared that the Department of Finance does not care if there is disparity amongst staff wages, they care that the percentage that a provider was given is reflected in their reporting, by service code.

- Providers have been asking since day one about how this will be reported back to the State, but we haven't received specific direction. The importance is that the funding is being spent on direct care staff.
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### 3. **ACRC RFP Update**

- Mr. Decker shared that ACRC is in escrow with all but one of the homes that were noted in our 2015-16 Community Placement Plan (CPP). DDS wants all Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) homes to be in escrow by March 2017. We have developed excess capacity so that we can offer multiple options to our clients and their families.
- ACRC has accepted 15 new clients from other regional centers for the developmental center closures (Sonoma, Fairview and Porterville). Because of this, it appears that we have only placed one client into the community.
- ACRC is beginning to acquire homes for the 2016-17 CPP. Staff are starting to look beyond the SDC closure to Fairview and Porterville.
- We will soon be focusing on the development of children's residential facilities.
- New Requests for Proposals (RFPs) related to CPP will be released in July 2017.
- Mr. Bonnet remains certain that ACRC will be able to move all of our clients out of SDC by December 2018. There remains concern across the state for the real estate issues that the Bay Area is facing. His expectation is that we will continue to receive new clients from other regional centers.
- Ms. Onesi shared that other RFPs are posted on our agency's website and are distributed at vendor forums.  
<http://www.altaregional.org/request-proposals-rfp>
  - Mr. Bonnet suggested reviewing RFPs during these meetings. ACRC remains concerned about out-of-home respite options for families.
    - This group will discuss this issue in more detail at the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### 4. **Training Resource – Conversations that Matter**

- The group received a presentation from Norman Kunc and Emma Van der Klift about "Conversations that Matter" – an online conference on disability, values, and community living that can be viewed ANYTIME, ANYWHERE.

5. ***Sub-Committee Updates:***

- Challenging Needs
  - The sub-committee is meeting directly after this meeting.
- Cultural Diversity
  - No update was shared.
- Staff Crisis in the Community
  - No update was shared.

6. ***Updates:***

- Self-Determination Program
  - DDS is still working on answering the questions. Once completed, the department will post the waiver on their website to gather comments for 30 days prior to resubmitting it back to the federal government.
- CMS Rules/HCBS Waiver Settings
  - DDS has not finished the self-assessment template.
- DS (Disability Services) Taskforce 2.0
  - The California blueprint is to be released and posted for public comment soon.

7. ***Legislative Update***

- Good news – Proposition 55 passed.

8. ***Board Update***

- Ms. Brandon attended the last Board meeting which was held on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Ms. West emailed the document entitled “ACRC’s Dashboard Indicators for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2016” which was shared with the Board to committee members.
  - The PAC’s motion from last month’s meeting was presented to the Board, and Mr. Bonnet is currently working with Rick Rollens at the ARCA to address it.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

9. ***Announcements/Comments***

- The California State Auditor report on in-home respite is completed and available online.

The next PAC meeting is scheduled on **Thursday, January 12, 2017**, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Phil Bonnet