

Alta California Regional Center
Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2015
Minutes

Present:

Will Sanford, Futures Explored,
Chair
Janet Brandon, AIM &
Associates, Co-Chair
Becky Brubaker, EGACT
Eric Ciampa, UCP of Greater
Sacramento, Inc.
Gerrit deGelleke, American River
Speech
Ed Doonan, LIFE, Inc.
Sergio Pinto, BEST Consulting,
Inc.
Michelle Ramirez, On My Own
Antonio Ranit, Antelope Hills
Manor
Robin Rhoades, Southside Art
Center
Laleh Sharpe, Maxim Healthcare
Services
Joy Scott, Tri-County Caregiver
Relief
Yvonne Soto, DDSO
Carole Watilo, Progressive
Employment

Absent: (* excused)

Jill Bonetti, Opportunity Acres
Gregory Buch*, Ph.D., PALS
Jacquie Dillard-Foss*, STEP
Eleni Gialoyrakes*, Capital Social
Services
Daina Glasson*, California Mentor
Susan Miner*, Turning Point
Dawn Montgomery*, HOPE
Consulting
Michelle Payne*, RCCA Services
Paul Traglio*, Capitol Autism
Services

Visitors:

Donna Bettencourt
Andrea Croom
Bonnie Douglas
Adriene Gaudet
Cynthia Guildord
Jennifer Gutierrez
Ron Mainini
Jan Matranga
Jerry Matranga
Vanessa Moore
Fred Patawaran
Lou Patawaran
Agnes Ranit
Richard Royse
Nicky Schluep
Joan Schmidt
Sam Seaton
Peter Stirling
Sean Stone

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
Darline Dupree, Manager of
Community Services
Jean Onesi, Manager of
Community Services
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) met at 9:32 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) Executive Director Comments; 2) Updates; 3) Legislative Update; 4) Board Update; and 5) Announcements/Comments. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Will Sanford made the motion to approve the Provider Advisory Committee meeting minutes of January 8, 2015 as submitted.

1. *Executive Director Comments*

- Santi Rogers' confirmation hearings are beginning and Mr. Bonnet attended one last week. Mr. Rogers was unanimously moved on to the full Senate for final confirmation. During the hearing, the legislators asked pointed questions about Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC). It is very clear that the legislators are ready for a change. Other questions centered on the Purchase of Services (POS) variances across the state.
 - Mr. Sanford will provide committee members with the link to this hearing: <http://www.calchannel.com/recent-archive/>
- ACRC will be holding two POS Variance Meetings to review ACRC's data with the community. The first meeting will be held on Monday, March 16th, here at ACRC's Sacramento office, and the second will be held on Wednesday, March 18th, at the Serna Center in South Sacramento. More information will be posted on the agency's website.
 - Mr. Bonnet noted that the data is not analyzed; the National Core Indicators (NCI) data might be more reflective of the satisfaction with services that clients receive across the state.
- ACRC's Client Advisory Committee (CAC) has visited SDC for the last two years and is committed to making the yearly trip until no more ACRC clients reside there. They will be visiting again on Tuesday, May 12th. A sub-group of the CAC will be meeting to work out a strategy on how to get more clients who reside there to attend this meeting. If you are interested in participating, please let Ms. West know.
- Mr. Bonnet shared that court ordered Supported Living Services (SLS) is becoming a potential issue at ACRC. Judges are considering this service an option, as opposed to jail, because it is flexible. Those present expressed concern because SLS is less regulated. Mr. Bonnet would like to develop a new type of service for these clients. Assuming that these individuals would qualify for Community Placement Plan deflection funding, the program design would have a new philosophy attached to it.

- Suggestion to have the “Challenging Support Needs” sub-committee meet again before the PAC’s April meeting. John Decker and Darline Dupree will be invited to attend this discussion.
- SB 1093 (Liu) – Developmental services: regional centers: culturally and linguistically competent services. This bill would allow clients to receive Independent Living Skills (ILS) services regardless of where they live.
 - Ms. Dupree shared that ACRC has updated their ILS Procedures and is in the process of working on the ILS Policies. She will discuss them with this committee at the April meeting.

2. **Updates:**

- CMS Rule
 - The state has submitted a transition plan and has not heard back from the federal government yet. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is setting up an advisory group and will be holding stakeholder meetings.
 - A group will be meeting in March to talk about the settings rule. We have four years to get individuals in integrated employment and community settings so that California is aligned with the federal guidelines.
- DS (Disability Services) Taskforce 2.0
 - California’s Health & Human Services Agency is holding a taskforce meeting.
 - Sub-workgroups are meeting every other month (Discussing Community Vendor Rates and Regional Center Operations). These meetings are not public but information is posted on their website.
 - The Lanterman Coalition has developed a “10 for 10” that agencies across the state are asking for – this is the main message across the State.
 - The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) is also calling for a plan to close Fairview and Sonoma DCs.
 - Mr. Bonnet shared that SDC will be finding out soon if their recertification is approved or not.
 - With the passage of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) has been holding a series of conference calls to help others understand.
 - DRC has worked with the Department of Developmental Disabilities, the Department of Rehabilitation and the Department of Education to develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

They have agreed that by June 15th, they will submit a blue print on how to increase integrated employment across the state.

3. ***Legislative Update***

- Two federal pieces of legislation that may be of interest:
 - HR 3717 would restrict Disability Rights California's (DRC's) ability to take action on behalf of individuals with mental health issues.
 - TIME (Transitioning to Integrated Meaningful Employment) targets the phasing out of the use of the 14-C certificate, but doesn't propose an alternative way to get our clients to achieve integrated competitive employment.
- There is concern that without thoughtful planning the elimination of the 14-C legislation could significantly increase the unemployment of our folks.
- Legislators need to submit bills by Friday, February 27th. A bill is being written that will require adult changing areas for large facilities. There are also more employment bills this year.

4. ***Board Update***

- Ms. Brandon shared that the Board will take action on the PAC's suggestion to support the Lanterman Coalition's "10 for 10" at the next Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 26th, at 3 p.m.

5. ***Announcements/Comments***

- Mr. Sanford shared that on our next meeting date, March 12th, the Senate Budget Sub-Committee is holding a hearing at the State Capitol beginning at 9:30 a.m. Committee members are encouraged to meet in Room 4203 and testify; we will not be holding a PAC meeting that day. The Assembly Budget Sub-Committee is holding their hearing on Wednesday, March 4th, at 1:30 p.m.
- Providers are encouraged to write letters of support for the "10 for 10". The Lanterman Coalition should receive them by February 17th.
 - The Lanterman Coalition has lists on their website on what people can do to support the "10 for 10".
- Mr. Sanford encouraged members to visit their local legislators and help educate them about our statewide service system. Getting Governor Brown involved in this issue is also critical.

**** Mission Analytics gave a presentation to the PAC about DDS' SafetyNet at 10:30 a.m.***

The next PAC meeting is scheduled on **Thursday, April 9, 2015**, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet