

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2019
Minutes

Present:

Kimberly Terrell, Chair
Michelle Rewerts, Design. Dir.
Tom Hopkins
Michelle Hulse
Tiffany Johnson
Amy Lampe
Steven Sanchez (via phone)
Patty Wallace
Karen Young

Absent: (* excused)

Lisa Cooley*
Romilda Jones
Monique Lozano
Austin Taylor

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

Terry Ajuria
Kidada Medina
Anthony Stone
Peggy Wakefield

Staff:

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

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center (Alta) to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Updates; and 3) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Tom Hopkins made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of May 14, 2019 as submitted.

- *Kimberly read aloud Alta's Vision*

1. Executive Director's Report



- Phil shared that everyone has a right to dignity. He asked members for thoughts. Ideas include:
 - Treating people equally.
 - Respecting their HIPAA rights and privacy.
 - Taking pride in yourself.
 - Respect for others, respect for yourself.
 - Not judging us because we are different from others.
 - Being worthy of honor and respect.
- Self-Advocacy are important words. Phil reminded committee members that they are not here for themselves, they are here for their peers.
- Phil shared that Alta will be redesigning our website; we will be making it more accessible for mobile devices. As we upgrade our website, Phil will support giving the CAC their own page, but we need content!
 - A suggestion was made to have a tutorial on how to access Alta's website at an upcoming CAC meeting.

- The CAC could reference projects that they have completed and also ask for suggestions for new projects.
- Phil suggested having a website subcommittee discuss this idea further. [no volunteers]
- Our “Friends Helping Friends” program is ready.
 - John shared that there was a delay due to a change in ownership with a few care homes, but Alta staff have now finished the initial interviews with some clients that might be interested in this program.
 - The completed questionnaires will be given to our volunteer, Debby Dillon. She will be contacting those committee members who signed up for this program to schedule some visits. John reminded everyone that the groups will be small (one to two people, along with a facilitator).
 - Please direct any questions that you might have to Debby Dillon or John.
 - The CAC will do a six-month “check-in” so that we can share stories of our visits.
- Alta held its All Staff Meeting at the end of May. This year’s guest speaker was an individual who didn’t speak many words; his mom came with him to help tell his story. He recently ran the Boston Marathon and he also touched the lives of our 500+ staff, without saying a word.
- Phil said that the budget has not been signed by Governor Newsom yet but it appears that some service providers will receive up to an 8% raise in their rates.

2. **Updates**

◆ Peer Advocacy Network



- Amy shared that Dana is looking into being able to pay members during the Regional Meetings.
- The Regional Meetings will be held in March and September.
- They collected 31 evaluations from the last Regional Meeting and everyone seemed to enjoy it.
- The group is starting to plan for the September Regional Meeting. They are hopeful that they can line-up the following presenters:
 - David Lopez to speak about Individual Program Plans (IPPs).
 - Michael Thomas to share information about Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
 - Zach Miller to talk about how to get a job.

◆ Alta Board

- Michelle R. attended the Board meeting which was held on May 23rd.
 - The Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) gave Pete Tiedemann a plaque and they also donated \$1,000 to *Habitat for Humanity* on his behalf.

- Board members were recognized for their year of service.
- The Slate of Officers was approved for the upcoming 2019-20 fiscal year (FY):
 - Dan Lake – President
 - Rita Walker – Vice President
 - Amy Lampe – Secretary
 - Yang Sun - Treasurer
- The Board reviewed and approved the March 31st financial report.
- They approved a contract for two Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes.
- Phil has restructured Alta’s Senior Management:
 - Lori Banales is the Director of Client Services, and three Associate Directors report to her.
 - Iqbal Ahmad has been named Alta’s Chief Financial Officer.

3. Public Comments/Announcement



- At the Statewide Self-Advocacy Meeting, Tom won an award for “Advocate of the Year”!
- Michelle shared that she is in her 14th production; her first musical, “Mammy Mia!” She feels a bit lost, but plans on continuing. The play runs from July 12th thru August 18th. You can buy tickets at the box office from 12 noon to 2 p.m. or by visiting: www.actingcompany.org.
- Lisa W. distributed the CAC’s meeting schedule for the 2019-20 FY.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 9, 2019**, from 2 to 4 p.m.
The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet