

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Minutes

Present:

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

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

Terry Ajuria
Riana Hardin
Maddie McClenahan
Jacie Oakley
Jennifer Stratton
Peggy Wakefield

Absent: (* excused)

Michelle Hulse
Romilda Jones*
Monique Lozano

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
Lori Banales, Deputy Executive Director
David Lopez, Client Advocate
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:03 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center (Alta) to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Presentation - CaIABLE; 3) Updates; and 4) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Tom Hopkins made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of January 14, 2020 as submitted.

- *Lisa C. read aloud Alta's Mission & Vision*

1. Executive Director's Report



- Phil and committee members shared instances where others were treated with dignity and respect.
- The coronavirus is similar to the seasonal flu but may be more serious. Individuals should wash their hands frequently, and if you are sick, you should stay home.
- Phil asked for an update on the "Friends Helping Friends" project.
 - David is working on scheduling additional appointments.
- This committee has taken on several different projects over the years. Phil asked if anyone ever wondered what goes on at other Client Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings across the state. What would happen at a meeting of all of the CACs? If the goal of an advisory committee is to have the ear of the Executive Director and the community, what would you want to learn or talk about? Topics include:
 - Housing

- 2020 Census

Suggestion to possibly hold a statewide CAC meeting before or after the next Supported Life Conference.

- At Alta's March CAC meeting, Phil would like each member to share one idea for a new project. We will start to develop a plan.
- Tomorrow, Alta is holding our "Arts & Crafts Spring Festival" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- The Governor's proposed budget for the next fiscal year includes \$9 billion for the statewide regional center system, which is expected to grow to over 368,000 individuals.
- The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Grassroots Day is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st.

2. **Presentation – CalABLE**

- Lisa C. shared information about CalABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience).



3. **Updates**

- ◆ Peer Advocacy Network (PAN)

- Amy L. shared that the group met today.
 - They discussed the plans for the next Regional Meeting which will be held on Saturday, March 21st, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sacramento.
 - The group reviewed a new flyer about the PAN.
 - Members decided that they would like to have presentations at the PAN meetings. They will be talking about who to have as presenters at upcoming meetings.



- ◆ Alta Board

- Michelle R. attended the Board meeting which was held on January 23rd.
 - Those present received an overview of Alta's Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP). Alta staff are currently working with the Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) to develop a long-term housing plan for the agency.
 - The Board is focusing on outreach opportunities throughout Alta's catchment area.
 - Board member reviewed the monthly financial report and approved a contract for an Enhanced Behavioral Supports Home (EBSH).
 - Phil gave an overview of the 2020-21 fiscal year's (FY's) proposed budget.
 - Rita Walker distributed some information from the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) and talked about the statewide Board Training that is scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd.

4. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- Michelle has two weekends left to perform in *The Buddy Holly Story*. She auditioned for another play, but didn't get chosen. On March 24th, she will be auditioning for the *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* at the Acting Company Theater.
- Next month, Daniel Savino, with ARCA, will show members how to have a conversation with your local legislators.
- Please continue to encourage others to come and attend these meetings.
- Phil shared that Thalia, Alta's Communications Specialist, would like to speak with anyone that wants to share their story on our agency's social media.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 10, 2020**, from 2 to 4 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet