

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2017
Minutes

Present:

Austin Taylor, Chair & Design. Dir.
Cindy Benson
Tom Hopkins
Shelly (Michelle) Hulse
Romilda Jones
Amy Lampe
Steven Sanchez
Karen Young

Absent: (* excused)

Lisa Cooley*
Monique Lozano
Spencer McClay
Robert Rogers
Kimberly Terrell*

Facilitators:

Jana Chapman-Plon
Amy Fulk
Larry Prosser

Visitors:

Kathy Brian
Michelle Rewerts
Rhonda Roads
Patty Wallace
Cheryl Worthley

Staff:

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

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:03 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center (Alta) to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) New Candidate for CAC; 3) Election of CAC Chair & Designated Rep to Board; 4) Updates; and 5) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

- *Austin read aloud Alta's Mission & Vision statements*

M/S/C (Cindy Benson) **To approve the CAC meeting minutes of February 14, 2017 as submitted.** (7 in favor, 1 abstention)

1. Executive Director's Report

- Phil shared that he missed last month's meeting due to the presumed failure of the Oroville spillway. He asked those committee members that were affected by the mandatory evacuation what they learned from this experience.
 - Amy L. learned that she needs to be more prepared.
 - Phil saw that Robert will be assisting with a break-out session at the 22nd Annual California Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference in May entitled "Are You Ready for an Emergency".
 - Phil, along with other management staff, gathered at Alta's Sacramento office and sent out over 1,250 messages to clients and families that are served in the Yuba City/Marysville area.
 - In the near future, the CAC may want to sponsor an Office of Emergency Services (OES) Training for our clients who live outside of their family homes.



- David L. will research and bring information back to this committee for further discussion.
- “Community Conversations” in Sacramento is asking for input on how to strengthen our community and Phil would like to know if anyone is interested in this unique opportunity. If you are, please let Phil or Lisa know.
- In January, Phil heard about a new app that is available on iTunes, entitled “OAKDate”. This app is designed specifically for people with developmental disabilities and works to foster a fun, safe, and welcoming environment to help similarly-abled people meet to form meaningful, long-lasting connections – romantic or platonic.
- We have scheduled our next trip to Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) on Tuesday, May 9th.
 - The group will be bringing Sheryl’s ashes and spreading them on the hills of Sonoma. Phil will be giving out some pictures of Sheryl’s that committee members can keep to remember her by.
 - There will be an opportunity to share stories about living in the community.
 - We can talk about the services that are being developed for the individuals who are moving out of SDC.
 - We will have a “working lunch” this time, beginning the meeting at noon.

2. ***New Candidate for CAC – Michelle Rewerts***

Issue: Committee needs to review a new CAC application.



Discussion and Action: Austin shared that Michelle Rewerts has submitted her application to join the CAC. She has attended the last several committee meetings, as well as some Board of Director’s meetings. Michelle R. shared information about herself with those present.

M/S/C (Cindy Benson) **To nominate Michelle Rewerts for membership to the CAC.** (8 in favor)

3. ***Election of CAC Chair and Designated Rep to Board***

Issue: Committee needs to hold elections for the Chair and Designated Representative to the Board of Directors for the 2017-18 fiscal year (FY).



Discussion and Action: Austin shared that members need to express their desire to serve as the CAC Chair and Designated Representative to the Board of Directors for the next FY. He gave a brief explanation of the two positions.

- **Austin Taylor is elected as the CAC’s Chair for the 2016-17 FY.**

- **Michelle Rewerts is elected as the CAC's Designated Representative to the Board of Directors for the 2017-18 FY.**

4. **Updates**



- ◆ Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) - Sacramento
 - No update was shared.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
 - Cindy shared that the last telephone meeting was held on February 24th.
 - The group discussed the upcoming elections for the new ARCA-CAC Chair. More information will be shared with committee members. The election will be held at the next in-person meeting.
 - The ARCA-CAC Facebook link will be posted on ARCA's website.
 - They discussed Governor Brown's proposed budget for the upcoming FY.
 - Eileen Richey has retired as the Executive Director of ARCA. Amy Westling is now serving as the Interim Director.
 - The next in-person meeting will be held on Friday, April 21st, in Sacramento.
- ◆ Alta Board
 - Austin attended the Board meeting held on February 23rd.
 - He was officially voted on as a Board member.
 - The Board Development Committee (BDC) is starting to plan for the Board's May Training.
 - Phil updated the Board on the mandatory evacuations due to the damage to the Oroville spillway.
 - Phil also provided an update on the legislative hearings.
 - The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd, at 4 p.m.

5. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- Austin congratulated Michelle R. for her nomination to the CAC. The group is looking forward to working with her.
- Cindy will be on vacation in Mexico from May 3rd – 10th. Her friend just got her first apartment.
- Karen purchased a home last month – her dream has come true! She celebrated her birthday last week & those present sang "Happy Birthday" to her!
- David emailed information to Alta's Service Coordinators (SCs) about the upcoming Supported Life Conference. If you are interested in attending, please contact your SC. He is currently gathering information about the upcoming People First Conference and will share more information once it is received.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 9, 2017**, at SDC beginning at noon. The meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet