

Alta California Regional Center  
Client Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 8, 2021  
Minutes

**Present:**

Kimberly Terrell, Chair  
Patty Wallace, Design. Dir.  
Lisa Cooley  
Tiffany Johnson  
Michelle Rewerts  
Anthony Stone  
Karen Young

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk

**Visitors:**

Selene Anderson  
Kelsey Handcock  
Jacie Oakley

**Staff:**

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director  
Lori Banales, Deputy Executive Director  
John Decker, Director of Community  
Services  
David Lopez, Client Advocate  
Brittany Mangum, Executive Assistant

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Tom Hopkins  
Michelle Hulse\*  
Romilda Jones\*  
Amy Lampe\*  
Steven Sanchez\*

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:06 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) "Understanding Fraud"; 3) Updates; and 4) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

**Without objection, Lisa Cooley made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of May 11, 2021 as submitted.**

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



**Transitions:**

- This will be Phil's last meeting with CAC. Phil is venturing off into the world of retirement. Phil served 40 years in regional centers and the community.
- The Self-Determination Program (SDP) is coming in July! It will be available to all ACRC's folks!
- June 15<sup>th</sup>, the state of California will be open with much less restriction!
- Starting in September, ACRC staff will return on alternating days.

**American Rescue Plan**

- Phil shared that there is a lot of money coming into the State of California with the American Rescue Plan. The legislature is putting forward a budget plan which includes funding to increase service coordination and also invokes the implementation of the Rate Study. The Governor has his own version of the 2021-22 FY's budget; it does not implement the rate study, but distributed funding into other areas of our statewide service system.
- Currently, Governor Newsom and the legislature are working together to come up with a mutually agreed upon plan, which should have been

completed by Saturday, but they requested an extension from the federal government.

- Phil reminded everyone that under the State Constitution, the proposed budget needs to be on the Governor's desk by tomorrow, June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- It's important to note that much of the federal funding is one-time monies, which will need to be prioritized.

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- Phil encourages the membership to grow with CAC. The CAC represents 27,000 clients! He wants everyone to know how much he has enjoyed this committee and working with everyone.

## 2. **"Understanding Fraud" – Kelsey Handcock w/OCRA**



- Kelsey is an attorney for OCRA/DRC.
- Kelsey presented a slideshow and shared tips of how to avoid being a victim of fraud and theft.
- The CAC members are linked into their People First Group. Karen would like Kelsey to come out and speak to her chapter.

## 3. **Updates**



- ♦ ARCA-CAC
  - Election for chair and co-chair will be discussed further on 6/26.

## 4. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- Kimberly will step down as chair starting in July. Amy Lampe was nominated as the CAC chair. 2021-2022 fiscal year, Patty Wallace was nominated as the CACs designed rep from the board.
- Kimberly still plans to attend the CAC and will be of assistance if needed.
- John and Lori would like you to attend 10:30 am tomorrow (6/9/21) regarding future planning. John will get this information to the group.
- Michelle announces that her acting company is opening up and she will start auditioning for plays.
- David would like to continue having presenters at future meetings. Please reach out David so he and the Chair can arrange to have them on the agenda.
- Lisa announced that the Statewide self-advocacy will meet tomorrow. Lisa Cooley will send Lisa West the meeting information to send to the group.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 13, 2021**, from 2 to 4 p.m.  
The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Brittany Mangum  
Executive Assistant

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Phil Bonnet