

Alta California Regional Center  
Client Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 9, 2015  
Minutes

**Present:**

Zach Miller, Chair  
Austin Taylor, Desig. Dir.  
Cindy Benson  
Amy Lampe (via phone)  
Tom Hopkins  
Michelle Hulse  
Romilda Jones  
Sheryl Ledford  
Karen Miller  
Robert Rogers  
Kimberly Terrell

**Facilitators:**

Monique Avers  
Jana Chapman-Plon  
Amy Fulk  
Ed Plon  
Larry Prosser

**Staff:**

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director  
Kristy Tinsley, Office Manager  
David Lopez, Client Advocate

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Spencer McClay\*  
Monique Lozano  
Steven Sanchez

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:07 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center (Alta) to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Election of CAC Chair & Designated Rep to Board; 3) Updates; and 4) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

**M/S/C (Robert Rogers) To approve the CAC meeting minutes of May 12, 2015. (11 in favor)**

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

- Phil shared that he did not attend the Opportunity Fair at SDC today so he could be here with the CAC. He spoke briefly about the committee's trip to SDC in May and also handed out copies of a picture that was taken during the visit. Phil informed everyone that a decision was made to formally develop a plan to close SDC within three years (by the year 2018), followed by the closure of all other DCs. This will result in approximately 1,000 individuals needing placement. Phil has already met with the Director of DDS, some members of their staff and other Regional Center Directors to develop a plan to find housing for those affected. They will consider each individual's needs for placement. During this discussion, some CAC members provided ideas on how to accommodate those individuals. Some of those ideas were to;
  - Develop independent living centers, apartments or manufactured homes on SDCs land
  - Bring in SLSs that will provide suitable housing
  - Use the money to create low income housing developments



- Phil announced 250 new slots will be added to the Self-Determination Program (SDP). These new slots will be available to those people leaving the developmental centers. Phil instructed those interested in participating in the Self-Determination Program to contact their Service Coordinator. There will be lots of meetings explaining the SDP scheduled in the near future. These meetings will be open to everyone who is interested. The first meeting that will be open to the public will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Phil recently watched the joint budget conference committee where representatives from both the senate and assembly were present to discuss the request for a 10% increase for provider rates and regional center operations. To date, there has been no agreement made between the senate and assembly on the budget.
- Phil handed out flyers for the world premiere screening of the award winning "Where's Frank" documentary. This screening will be shown here at Alta on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. DDSO will be raising funds by charging \$10 admission and conducting a silent auction containing many movie-based gifts.

## 2. ***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 2015-16 fiscal year (FY).

**Discussion and Action:** Zach 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.

- **Romilda Jones is elected as the CAC Chair for the 2015-16 FY.**
- **Austin Taylor is nominated as the CAC Designated Representative to the Board of Directors for the 2015-16 FY.**

## 3. ***Updates***

### ◆ Peer Advocacy Connection

- Amy shared SB243, SB638, AB474 and composition bills 243 and 364 were discussed.
- The next in-person meeting is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Supported Life Institute.

### ◆ Regional Advisory Committee – Sacramento

- Robert shared he did not have anything to report because he was unable to attend the last scheduled meeting.
- The next in-person meeting will take place in July.



- ◆ ARCA-CAC
  - Cindy shared there was nothing to report at this time.
  - The next in-person meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, in Sacramento.
  
- ◆ Alta Board
  - Austin attended Alta's May 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
    - Austin shared the meeting began with a very informative training on the Intake process for individuals over 3 years old. Many board members felt this training was extremely beneficial. As a result, it was decided to have a standing "spotlight" section added to the agenda for trainings. The newly revised ILS policy and the uniform holiday schedule were also approved. Phil provided information related to the budget and shared Alta's current caseload ratios. Information about the SDAC and CACs visit to SDC was also discussed. After the meeting, everyone went to the Olive Garden where people on the board had the opportunity to visit and learn more about each other on a personal level.
  
  - The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m.

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

- David Lopez shared that he attended the Opportunity Fair at SDC earlier today. David said there were lots of families, clients and providers in attendance, as well as representatives from NBRC and EBRC.
- David Lopez reminded everyone to be mindful of their commitment to the CAC and other special projects and to contact him if they are unable to attend the meeting due to scheduling conflicts, etc.



The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 14, 2015**, from 2 to 4 p.m.  
The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Kristy Tinsley  
Office Manager

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Phil Bonnet