

Alta California Regional Center  
Client Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, July 14, 2020  
Minutes

**Present:**

Kimberly Terrell, Chair  
Patty Wallace, Design. Dir.  
Lisa Cooley  
Tiffany Johnson  
Amy Lampe  
Michelle Rewerts  
Steven Sanchez  
Anthony Stone

**Visitors:**

Terry Ajuria  
Jackie Armstrong  
Jacie Oakley  
Amanda Parker  
Sharon Perry  
Michelle Ramirez  
Cindy Ruder  
Satnam Singh  
Danielle Trachtenberg

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Tom Hopkins  
Michelle Hulse\*  
Romilda Jones\*  
Karen Young\*

**Staff:**

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director  
Lori Banales, Deputy Executive Director  
John Decker, Director of Community Services  
David Lopez, Client Advocate  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:07 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Updates; and 3) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

**Without objection, Anthony Stone made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of June 9, 2020 as submitted.**

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



- Phil asked those present if they had masks/face coverings. He encouraged everyone to wear a mask so that we can help the State of California combat COVID-19.
- Governor Newsom hit the "dimmer" switch yesterday due to the spread of the virus; more businesses will be closing their doors again.
- Clients are not attending day programs right now, but are still connecting through some services virtually.
- When the rest of the world is shut-down, direct support professionals (DSPs) continue to work with our clients. Phil is putting together a video/photo montage that will be posted to Alta's website to say "Thank you!" to all of them. It will be more meaningful if clients are a part of this project.
  - Phil would like folks from this group to participate. If you are interested, please complete a 30 second video on your phone and send it to David, so that it can be included.

- The budget did not include all of the cuts to our statewide service system that Governor Newsom proposed in his May Revise. Currently, non-residential service providers are receiving “retainer” payments, even though they are not open and directly serving our clients in-person. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) directive regarding these payments expires on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Medicaid Waiver service providers have an additional opportunity to receive funding once the retainer payments end; they must apply by July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Since it appears that we will be holding these meetings virtually for a while, we will schedule another practice run to assist those individuals with Webex prior to the September meeting.
- Once again, Phil encouraged everyone to practice social distancing and wear masks/face coverings. If you don't have to go somewhere, just stay home. A lot of people served by the regional center have gotten sick. It is really important to stay safe and be careful.

## 2. **Updates**

### ◆ Peer Advocacy Network (PAN)



- Amy L. shared that the PAN met this morning.
  - The group discussed the virtual Regional Meeting that was held on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - They had a presentation from *A Touch of Understanding* and another about Census 2020.
    - 50 individuals attended and the feedback was excellent.
  - At next month's meeting, Gena Bellino will be presenting on “Supported Decision Making”. There will also be a presentation on how to use masks safely and correctly.
  - Most of the Self-Advocacy Chapters are meeting by Zoom or on the phone.
  - The Wednesday “Chats” are a nice way for people to get to know each other. People have started attending other Chapter meetings so additional connections are being made.

## 3. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- Kim reminded everyone that individuals are required to wear masks when using SacRT/Paratransit. She also encouraged everyone to wash their hands.
- Michelle Rewerts shared that her acting company plans to reopen in January 2021. If it opens, she will be able to audition for plays again.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**, at 2 p.m.  
The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Phil Bonnet