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

Absent: (* excused)

Tom Hopkins
Michelle Hulse*
Romilda Jones*
Karen Young*

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

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

Staff:

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

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.

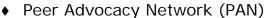
1. Executive Director's Report



- 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 31st. Medicaid Waiver service providers have an additional opportunity to receive funding once the retainer payments end; they must apply by July 31st.
- 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





- The group discussed the virtual Regional Meeting that was held on June 15th.
 - o They had a presentation from *A Touch of Understanding* and another about Census 2020.
 - o 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