

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 2014
Minutes

Present:

Zach Miller, Chair
Austin Taylor, Desig. Dir.
Cindy Benson
Lisa Cooley (via phone)
Tom Hopkins
Romilda Jones
Amy Lampe
Sheryl Ledford
Spencer McClay
Karen Miller
Robert Rogers
Steven Sanchez (via phone)
Kimberly Terrell (via phone)

Board Members:

Modean Gibson
Brendan Peacock

Facilitators:

Jana Chapman-Plon
Amy Fulk
Melissa Maxwell
Sabrina Nugent
Ed Plon
Larry Prosser

Visitors:

Sonya Bingaman
Michelle Hulse
Monique Lozano

Staff:

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

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:01 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2014, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center (Alta) to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) New Candidates for CAC; 3) Updates; and 4) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

M/S/C (Cindy Benson) To approve the CAC meeting minutes of June 10, 2014 as amended. (12 in favor)

1. *Executive Director's Report*



- Phil expressed appreciation to everyone in attendance today.
- As mentioned at the last meeting, Phil would like to form a local advisory committee to discuss the Self-Determination Pilot Project.
 - Volunteers include Kimberly, Robert & Spencer
- Every year, Alta hands out free tickets for the "Fun for All" day at the California State Fair. Anyone interested can go to the reception area, today only, and get their tickets. The "Fun for All" day is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23rd.
- At Alta's last Board meeting, Modean Gibson was elected the new President of Alta's Board of Directors. Brendan Peacock was elected the Vice President, and Cindy was re-elected as the Board Secretary and ARCA-CAC designated representative. Walt Kaweski is the ARCA representative and Anwar Safvi has agreed to remain the Finance Committee Chair/Treasurer to the Board. As everyone knows, Zach is the

new Chair of this group and Austin is the new CAC designated representative to Alta's Board.

- The Governor signed the budget on time, which means that regional centers will not run out of money. Secretary Diana Dooley is now reconvening a sub-committee to discuss what it would take to rebuild our statewide system; this is encouraging. This is the same group that developed a plan for the closer of the developmental centers (DCs). Will Sanford, Alta's Provider Advisory Committee Chair, is part of this taskforce.
- This committee talked about going back to Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) this fall. Many members attended the CAC meeting last October, but only two clients who reside there were in attendance. Phil asked for ideas on how to get more clients to come when we go back there. Suggestions include:
 - Offer the clients lunch
 - Hold a raffle with prizes
 - Ask Alta's Service Coordinators (SCs) who have clients at SDC to inform them that we are coming so that they can plan for it. Possibly utilize their Client Advocate.
 - Create a client-friendly flyer with pictures

Suggestion to have an annual meeting at SDC until there are no more Alta clients there. The committee will hold its September 9th meeting at SDC, and bring lunch for everyone.

- Phil will work with Amy, Austin, Karen, Zach, and Lisa W. to plan this meeting/trip.
- Lisa C. shared that the intention of California's Employment First Policy is to give people who are at least 16 years old the ability to choose work as their preferred option of what they want to do with their days. Phil shared that this policy is part of the Lanterman Act. Alta's Board of Directors will have to decide if this agency wants to have our own Employment First Policy. The Center for Medicare Services (CMS), has developed a plan that states that in order to bill on the waiver in the near future, California must be moving towards integration. This is going to be very important for the future of our statewide system. Those in attendance believe that training should start in school, as part of a transition plan. Most committee members received Regional Occupational Program (ROP) or a workability program, funded through the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), in high school. Suggestion was made to possibly get this option back in schools.
 - Phil believes that if the Board wants to create an Employment First Policy, this committee will have input on it.

****Sheryl Ledford joined the meeting; Brendan Peacock left the meeting***

****change in agenda was noted***

2. ***New Candidates for CAC – Michelle Hulse & Monique Lozano***

Issue: Committee needs to discuss new CAC candidates.



Discussion and Action: Zach shared that Michelle Hulse and Monique Lozano have submitted their applications to join this committee. Both provided brief introductions of themselves.

M/S/C (Zach Miller) **To nominate Michelle Hulse for CAC membership. (13 in favor)**

M/S/C (Zach Miller) **To nominate Monique Lozano for CAC membership. (13 in favor)**

*** Modean Gibson left the meeting**

3. ***Updates***

◆ Peer Advocacy Connection

- Amy shared that the next Peer Advocacy Connection meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, July 9th, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Supported Life Institute.



◆ ARCA-CAC

- Cindy shared that the next in-person meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 18th, in Sacramento.

◆ Alta Board

- Tom attended Alta's June 26th Board meeting.
 - Phil reported that the Governor has signed the budget; there are no rate increases for providers and there was a small increase for Early Start. There is money in the budget to cover the minimum wage increase to \$9 per hour as of July 1st.
 - Sutter Hospital announced that they plan to stop providing dental anesthesia services after September. Phil is working with Senator Steinberg's office to create a taskforce to come up with solutions to this issue.
 - As Phil mentioned earlier, new Board Officers were elected: Modean Gibson is Alta's Board President, Brendan Peacock is Alta's Board Vice President, and Cindy Benson continues as Alta's Board Secretary for one more year.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24th, at 3 p.m.

4. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- Austin is continuing to speak with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). He hopes that Santi Rogers, Director of DDS, will be able to attend the CAC meeting in October or November.
- The Nevada County Fair is being held from August 6th to 10th, at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Spencer thinks it would be great to have a group go together; he invited everyone to come to the fair on Friday, August 8th.
- Robert is hopeful that this committee can do more projects this year.
- Karen participated in track at the Special Olympics in Davis at the end of June; she won two gold medals and one silver.
- Amy will be attending her family reunion at the end of this month.
- Zach thanked everyone for their concerns while he was in the hospital. He is feeling better and will be visiting Southern California at the end of the month to visit some friends.
- Sheryl was late to this meeting, because she sprained her ankle and had a doctor's appointment. She also expressed appreciation to everyone who came to her birthday party over the weekend.
- David asked if anyone needed assistance in setting up appointments to share the CAC presentation with day programs, community partners, etc. Please contact him if you need anything.
- Steven shared that the Roseville Metro People First Chapter will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, July 23rd, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Round Table Pizza on Foothills Blvd.

The next CAC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 9, 2014**, at Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC). The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet