



ALTA CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL CENTER

August 1, 2013

Brian Winfield,
Deputy Director
Department of Developmental Services
1600 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Winfield:

This letter is being written in accordance with Article VII, section 6(b)(i) of the contract regarding data compilation. Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) held two public meetings, one on March 28, 2013 and one on June 27, 2013. The meeting notices were posted in all ACRC offices and were posted on the agency website. There were 37 people in attendance, including 16 members of the Board of Directors at the March 28th meeting. There were 39 people in attendance, including 14 members of the Board of Directors at the June 27th meeting. Disability Rights California and Fiesta Educativa were both in attendance at the June meeting.

The following items were raised at the meetings:

- Comment about the inconsistency of dollars spent on services between the various ethnic groups.
- Comment that language may impact services.
- Comment that cultural issues have an impact on purchased services.
- Comment that the age of the client and the nature of the disability can drive the costs of services.
- Comment about the statistical validity of some of the data.
- Request that the State of California do some real analysis of the data to determine the extent of disparity when other factors are considered.

Proposed Strategies:

- ACRC will continue to provide services in accordance with the laws and regulations to meet the individual needs of our clients.

- ACRC will provide ongoing training for staff to ensure that regional center services are provided in a culturally sensitive manner.
- ACRC will continue to employ service coordinators that speak many of the languages spoken by our clients and families. ACRC currently has service coordinators who speak 14 different languages.
- ACRC will consider engaging a person qualified in statistical analysis to look at the data, and will continue to work to ensure that regional center services are provided to clients in a fair and equitable manner.

Should you have any question or require additional information please contact me or Peter Tiedemann.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Phil Bonnet', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Phil Bonnet
Executive Director