

Alta California Regional Center
 Self-Determination Committee Meeting
 Wednesday September 27th, 2017
 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
 Minutes

| Members Present: | Members Absent: |
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| Lisa Cooley SA | Nancy Libby FA |
| Joyce McNair FA | Lana Knyazev SP |
| Kimberly Terrell SA | Nina Iliff FA |
| Brittnee Gillespie DRC | Luis Rivera FA |
| Stacy Shaw SA | Margaret Lamb FA |
| Christian Griffith FA | Carole Watilo SP |
| Others Present: | |
| Phil Bonnet, ACRC | |
| Alfonso Carmona, ACRC | |
| Robin LeMay (Support Staff), ACRC | |
| Joseph Hernandez, SP | |
| Legend: SA – Self-Advocate, FA – Family Advocate, SP – Service Provider | |
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1. Call to Order by Lisa Cooley, Chair

- Welcome & Introductions (10:00 A.M.)

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes (from June 14th, 2017)

- It was moved/seconded and carried to approve the agenda and minutes. No Abstentions.

3. Update on Self-Determination – Lisa Cooley

- Lisa attended the Statewide Self-Determination Training on August 28th where packets of potential Self-Determination Training information was shared. This information has not been finalized.
- We still have not heard anything related to the submission of the waiver.
- Kimberly stated that if the waiver has not been passed then we can only go so far.
- Alfonso stated that having the training before having all of the specifics can be challenging especially since service providers will need to meet the requirements.
- Kimberly is concerned that if the bill does not get passed then all of the trainings will have been for nothing.
- Alfonso advised that ACRC did not have any independent trainings to avoid the possibility of providing misinformation or causing any confusion.
- Once the specifics are provided and the bill is passed, internal trainings will occur at the regional center.

4. DDS Trainings at RC's & 10/4 and 10/5 Trainings at Alta – Alfonso Carmona

- The DDS Self-Determination Trainings are scheduled for October 4th and October 5th and are for the staff, facilitators, and train the trainers.
- These are not the pre-enrollments trainings for clients.
- Lisa Cooley will attend the October 5th training and will represent the SDAC.

5. Outreach Efforts by Committee Members – Joyce McNair

- Lisa will be presenting on Self-Determination at the Supported Life Conference on October 5th.
- Joyce has been discussing Self-Determination at the Network Café which consists of a group of 50-60

representatives from different non-profit agencies. Many of the representatives serve families and change each month.

- Brittnee stated that she and Sonya did a presentation on Self-Determination at the State Council's Office.
- Phil noted that the outreach we have been doing has been very effective as we now have 2200 interested client's signed up.
- The selection of clients to participate in the program will be random but targeted. It will be based on regional center, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, and diagnosis.

6. Public Comment Period

- N/A

7. Open discussion on Self-Determination:

- Lisa is curious to find out how the program will work as it relates to undocumented clients.
- Christian questioned if we have a sense of the number of interested clients statewide.
- Alfonso advised that other regional center's had numbers in the hundreds or lower.
- Kimberly stated that other regional centers probably don't have large numbers because they are not doing much outreach as they are waiting for the bill to pass.
- Kimberly is concerned that people will forget what they learned in the trainings and will get discouraged if the bill doesn't pass soon.
- Lisa noted that she thinks the federal government would appreciate that California wants Self-Determination because it will provide service flexibility. Lisa mentioned that it may be less expensive.
- Phil advised that it will depend on the rules to see if the program will be less expensive. If the rules are designed to save money, flexibility diminishes.

- Kimberly questioned if there isn't flexibility due to funding, how realistic will the program be in the long run?
- Alfonso stated that the program will work for some and not for others.
- Christian advised that the governor has one year left in office and new people will take over many positions. Because of this, it will be like restarting the conversation all over again.
- Christian stated that it could make sense to discuss the possibility of the bill never being passed.

8. *Dates for Future Meetings:*

- December 13th, 2017

9. *Identify agenda items for next meeting:*

- Will provide at a later time.

10. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 A.M.