

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2016
Minutes

Present:

Austin Taylor, Chair & Design. Dir.
Cindy Benson
Lisa Cooley
Tom Hopkins
Michelle Hulse
Romilda Jones
Amy Lampe
Sheryl Ledford
Zach Miller
Robert Rogers
Steven Sanchez
Kimberly Terrell (via phone)
Karen Young

Absent: (* excused)

Monique Lozano
Spencer McClay

Facilitators:

Jana Chapman-Plon
Amy Fulk
Spyke Hill
Ed Plon
Larry Prosser
Cheryl Worthley

Visitors:

Sonya Bingaman
Dan Lake
Rita Walker

Staff:

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

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center (Alta) to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Presentation from Lending Works, Inc.; 3) Revisit CAC's Goal(s) for 2016-17 FY; 4) Updates; and 5) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

M/S/C (Tom Hopkins) **To approve the CAC meeting minutes of September 13, 2016 as submitted.** (11 in favor)

**Kimberly joined the meeting*

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

- Phil shared that the weather report predicts that it will rain on Saturday, October 15th. Alta's **LA50** celebration will be moved indoors. It will still be a wonderful day with pumpkins, an art show and a photo booth. Austin is our Master of Ceremonies, along with a few other speakers.
 - Anyone from this committee who would like to volunteer, please let Phil and Lisa know.



**Lisa C. joined the meeting*

- Alta's 2017 Performance Contract with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) was distributed for review. Phil provided a brief overview

to those present. He explained that each year the contract reflects the same public policy measures, the data is just updated.

- Committee members believe that the four measures that have been “Under Development” for many years would be important to know.
 - Alta staff assist clients who are in unsafe environments.
 - Alta staff assist clients in securing employment.
 - By completing the National Core Indicators (NCI) survey, which replaced the Life Quality Assessment, some of this information can be gathered for DDS.

2. **Presentation from Lending Works, Inc.**



- Their Board of Directors is formed of self-advocates who steer the decisions and operations of Lending Works, Inc.
- For more information on how to obtain an application form and how to apply, please contact: Kristi Colenzo (Sergeant-at-Arms) at:
Lending Works, Inc.
105 E Street, Suite 2F
Davis, CA 95616
(530) 747-0230
Email: lendingworksinc07@gmail.com
Website: www.lendingworksinc.com

3. **Revisit CAC’s Goal(s) for 2016-17 FY**



- Austin would like committee members to keep in mind the goals that we discussed last month, which included:
 - Outreach
 - The new CMS Rules
 - Our annual trip to Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC)
 - We will plan our next trip in May 2017.

4. **Updates**

◆ Peer Advocacy Connection



- Amy shared that the group met on September 14th.
 - The group was provided a legislative update.
 - Discussed the upcoming Regional Meeting.
 - The theme will be “The Power is Ours”.
 - They reviewed the presentations (e.g., legislative advocacy, propositions, voting role-play, abuse is wrong video & discussion, Medical Alert bracelets & wallet cards, etc.).
 - The group talked about the Alta sponsored book event with Anlor Davin, an author with autism from France.
- The next meeting will be held tomorrow, October 12th, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Sacramento.

- ◆ Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) - Sacramento
 - The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the SCDD Sacramento office located at 2033 Howe Avenue, Suite 160.
 - SCDD co-sponsored the Supported Life Conference – 350 people attended. Robert helped out with the emergency preparedness & self-determination. He learned a lot from this conference.

- ◆ ARCA-CAC
 - The next in-person meeting will be held on Friday, October 14th.

- ◆ Alta Board
 - Austin shared that the Board held its annual Board Retreat on September 22nd.
 - The Board discussed revising Alta's Mission and Vision statements.
 - There was a very spirited presentation on Robert's Rules of Order.
 - The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 27th, at 4 p.m.

5. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- Robert shared that members of the Marysville People First Chapter met with their local legislator, Jim Nielsen.
- Zach will be working at his local voting place on November 8th, so he will miss the next CAC meeting.
- Amy L. shared that her brother is engaged to be married!
- David reminded everyone that they should receive their annual statement of services from their Service Coordinator (SC) at their Individual Program Plan (IPP) meetings.
- Cindy shared that she was commissioned to make ten Christmas tree ornaments! She will also be going on a cruise at the end of the month.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**, from 2 to 4 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet