

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2018
Minutes

Present:

Austin Taylor, Chair
Michelle Rewerts, Design. Dir.
Cindy Benson
Tom Hopkins
Romilda Jones
Amy Lampe
Kimberly Terrell
Patty Wallace
Karen Young

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk
Larry Prosser

Absent: (* excused)

Lisa Cooley
Michelle Hulse*
Monique Lozano
Robert Rogers
Steven Sanchez*

Visitors:

Sandy Bishop
Rhonda Roads
Cheryl Worthley

Staff:

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

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center (Alta) to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Updates; and 3) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Kimberly Terrell made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of March 13, 2018 as submitted.

**change in agenda was noted*

1. Executive Director's Report



- It's budget time for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the California State Legislature – our new year begins on July 1st. Governor Brown will be releasing the May Revise later this week. A special Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 3 Hearing is scheduled for this Thursday at the State Capitol.
 - Alta's Provider Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled so that our service providers could attend this hearing.
 - The three big issues that the legislature will be discussing on Thursday include: the restoration of social recreation and camp services; the proposed uniform holiday schedule and the local minimum wage increases and how they affect service providers; and increasing affordable housing across the state.
- Phil reminded everyone that anytime they advocate for themselves, they are advocating for others that may not be able to do so.

- California's Primary Elections will be held in June. The candidates will then be narrowed down to two candidates for each office and then the General Elections will be held in November. Remember – it's important to get out there and vote!
- As of today, Alta has one client left residing at Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC). They will be moving into their new community home in the next few weeks.
 - Phil reviewed the "Friends Helping Friends" questionnaire with those present and final revisions were suggested.
- As mentioned at the last meeting, we made a proposal for a panel from this committee to share a presentation at the October Supported Life Conference about our SDC visits over the years. At the June CAC meeting, Phil would like this committee to elect the presentation committee if our application is accepted.

**Austin joined the meeting*

2. **Updates**

◆ Peer Advocacy Connection



- The group met today and discussed the upcoming Regional Meeting which is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 2nd. Lunch will be turkey sandwiches with soup and salad.
 - Rick H. will be giving a report on the DDS-CAC.
 - Daniel Meadows will sharing a presentation on voting.
 - Amy will do a presentation about abuse.
 - Kimberly and Alexia will be manning the check-in table.
 - "Spur of the Moment" awards will be given out.
- The 14th Annual Disability Capitol Action Day is scheduled for Thursday, June 7th, at Cesar Chavez Plaza. The event begins at 9 a.m. and then the group will walk to the State Capitol. Lunch will be provided.

◆ ARCA-CAC

- No update was shared.

◆ Alta Board

- Michelle R. attended the Board meeting held on March 22nd.
 - The Board approved a contract for a specialized home for SDC clients.
 - Phil talked about the two POS Expenditure Meetings that Alta held and gave an update on the upcoming the Self-Determination Program.
 - Alta continues to hold cultural competency trainings for staff and providers.
- The next Board training/meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 24th.

- ◆ Alta's Provider Advisory Committee
 - Austin shared that the Provider Advisory Committee is not meeting this week. Alta service providers are being encouraged to attend the Special Senate Hearing at the State Capitol.

3. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- Amy shared that the NorCal Special Olympics swimming competition was highlighted on the news on Saturday, May 5th.
- Cindy shared that Spencer's mother passed away a few weeks ago.
- The Neighborhood Center of the Arts is holding a "Spring Fling" on Friday, May 18th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided.
- Michelle will be getting new glasses soon! She is also playing a maid in The Acting Company's play entitled "An Inspector Calls", which runs from May 11th to June 3rd.
- Romilda shared that a Bocce Ball Tournament was held in Martinez last weekend and everyone received medals.
- A fundraiser dinner will be held at the Moose Lodge in Yuba City on Saturday, May 19th. The money raised will go to the Special Olympics.
- Amy shared that a Fishing Derby is going to be held at Ellis Lake on Saturday, May 12th, from 7 a.m. to noon.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 12, 2018**, from 2 to 4 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet