

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 11, 2017
Minutes

Present:

Austin Taylor, Chair
Michelle Rewerts, Design. Dir.
Cindy Benson
Lisa Cooley (via phone)
Tom Hopkins
Michelle Hulse
Romilda Jones
Amy Lampe
Steven Sanchez
Kimberly Terrell
Karen Young

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk
Larry Prosser

Visitors:

Rhonda Roads
Patty Wallace
Cheryl Worthley

Staff:

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

Absent: (* excused)

Monique Lozano
Robert Rogers

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:03 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center (Alta) to discuss: 1) New Candidate for CAC – Patty Wallace; 2) Executive Director's Report; 3) Disaster Preparedness Presentation w/Sacramento Police Dept.; 4) Updates; and 5) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

- Michelle R. read aloud Alta's Mission & Vision statements

M/S/C (Cindy Benson) **To approve the CAC meeting minutes of June 13, 2017 as submitted.** (9 in favor, 1 abstention)

1. ***New Candidate for CAC – Patty Wallace***

Issue: Committee needs to review a new CAC application.



Discussion and Action: Austin shared that Patty Wallace has submitted her application to join the CAC. She has attended the last several committee meetings. Patty shared information about herself with those present.

M/S/C (Austin Taylor) **To nominate Patty Wallace for membership to the CAC.** (10 in favor)

*Note – if you have any changes to your phone number, address or email, please let Lisa W. know so she can update the committee roster.

2. **Executive Director's Report**



- Phil would like to suggest taking some of these committee meetings on the road. It might be beneficial to visit some of the day programs in our catchment area; we can bring lunch and share information about what we do.
 - Austin will continue to place the topic of "Outreach" on the committee's agendas so that the group can discuss our options for road trips.
- The State legislature lifted the cap on respite that was put into place back in 2009 (90 hours per quarter). Regional centers can now fund respite based on the needs of the client.
- There are no cuts to our statewide system this fiscal year (FY). The budget includes additional funding for our ever growing population.
- Alta's Board of Directors had their annual elections in June and Amy L. was elected the Board's Secretary. Dan Lake is now the Board's President and Rita Walker was named the Board's Vice President.
 - The Board may want this committee's input on the new Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) Rules.
- Phil shared that Tim S., Alta's Transportation Coordinator, passed away last week. Services are planned for Saturday, July 22nd.
- The group watched a few videos from our trip to Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC), where we said goodbye to Sheryl L.

***Tom Hopkins joined the meeting**

3. **Disaster Preparedness Presentation w/Sacramento Police Dept.**



- Jena Swafford, the Sacramento Police Department's Social Media Manager, came to share information with the group about how to be prepared in case of a disaster.

4. **Updates**



- ◆ Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) - Sacramento
 - No update was shared.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
 - The next in-person meeting will be held on Friday, July 14th, in Sacramento.
- ◆ Alta Board
 - Austin attended the Board meeting held on June 22nd.
 - There is a new exhibit at the California Museum entitled "Art & Advocacy – To Be Developmentally Disabled (TBD)". The exhibit showcases original works by California artists with developmental disabilities, and is open until September 17th.

- Austin passed out \$2 off admission flyers to everyone who was interested in going.
- The Board recognized the members for their year of service. We said goodbye to Brendan Peacock, Alta's Board President, and Janet Brandon, the Provider Advisory Committee's (PAC's) designated representative.
- As Phil mentioned, the annual elections were held and new Officers and designated directors for the CAC and PAC were ratified.
- Phil talked about the 2017-18 State budget and Alta's progress on moving clients out of SDC.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27th, at 4 p.m.

5. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- David distributed the *DDS Safety Net, Summer 2017: Tip Sheet – Health, Happy Feet* for review.
- Steven met with Cindy, on behalf of the Supported Life Institute, and completed a YouTube video about his job and the accomplishments that he has achieved by utilizing services that he has received from the regional center over his lifetime.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**, from 2 to 4 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet