

Alta California Regional Center  
Client Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, September 12, 2017  
Minutes

**Present:**

Austin Taylor, Chair  
Michelle Rewerts, Design. Dir.  
Cindy Benson  
Lisa Cooley  
Tom Hopkins  
Amy Lampe  
Kimberly Terrell  
Karen Young

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Michelle Hulse  
Romilda Jones\*  
Monique Lozano  
Robert Rogers\*  
Steven Sanchez\*  
Patty Wallace\*

**Visitors:**

David Engberg  
Rebecca Menchaca  
May Saelee  
Stacy Shaw  
Kevin Terrell

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk  
Larry Prosser

**Staff:**

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:06 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center (Alta) to discuss: 1) Public Comments; 2) Executive Director's Report; 3) Reviewing a National Healthcare Survey w/Mark Starford; 4) Updates; and 5) Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

- *Kimberly read aloud Alta's Mission & Vision statements*

**\*change in agenda was noted**

**1. Public Comments**

- Stacy stated that Supported Life Institute (SLI) is not allowing the People First Chapters to hire Advisors. It is in her Individual Program Plan (IPP) and she feels that SLI and Alta are not following through with their responsibilities. She read aloud a letter that was sent to David Lopez and SLI's Board of Directors.
  - David E. agrees with Stacy.
  - Kimberly wrote a personal letter to SLI, because she feels that peer advocacy is being stripped away.



**M/S/C** (Cindy Bensons) **To approve the CAC meeting minutes of July 11, 2017 as submitted.** (8 in favor)

## 2. **Executive Director's Report**



- Phil shared that he first heard about the issue with SLI yesterday when David Lopez came to speak with him.
  - Stacy explained that Advisors help with the logistics of meetings.
    - ASAN has over 380 members and she is having difficulty holding meetings and planning events.
  - Capitol People First is over 30 years old and members are fearful that it will be ending soon.
  - Regional Meetings used to be held quarterly. The last Regional Meeting was held in October 2016. These meetings were a great opportunity to share information.
  - There are many Chapters that should be supported by SLI. SLI has informed them that they need a Coordinator in order to oversee the Advisors.
  - SLI wants to fold the Chapter meetings and Regional Meetings into their conferences.
    - Phil will speak with Andy Faletti, with SLI.
    - In the response letter, written two weeks ago, SLI shared that they are in the final stages of their recruitment for a Peer Advocacy Committee Director.
- Phil and John Decker, Alta's Community Placement Plan/Forensics Manager, have spoken and want to possibly develop a program that would have volunteers go out and visit with individuals that have moved out of the developmental centers.
  - Austin suggested naming it "Adopt-a-Friend".
  - Phil will share more details as the idea gets discussed more.

## 3. **Reviewing a National Healthcare Survey w/Mark Starford**



- Those present reviewed a National Healthcare Survey that is being developed by Columbia University. The purpose of this survey is to help doctors choose medicines and treatments based on a person's genetics, environment, and lifestyle – Precision Medicine Research.

## 4. **Updates**



- ◆ Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) - Sacramento
  - No update was shared.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
  - The next in-person meeting will be held on Friday, October 13, in Sacramento.
- ◆ Alta Board
  - Michelle R. attended the Board meeting held on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Peter Tiedemann, Alta's Chief Operating Officer, reviewed the agency's finances and shared information about the ABX2-1 Survey that service providers need to complete by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Board reviewed Alta's Whistleblower Policy/Process.
- Phil shared that the statewide quarterly cap on respite will be lifted effective January 1, 2018.
- Alta staff continue to work on developing services for the individuals who are moving out of Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) by December 2018.
- Alta continues to work with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to improve the response time to emergencies.
- The Board is holding their annual training in South Lake Tahoe on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

### 5. **Announcement**



- Cindy entered two pieces of artwork into a competition at the fair. She received a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place! Cindy was also commissioned to make some Christmas ornaments – last year the woman wanted 10 and this year she wanted 20!
- Austin has been asked to attend the Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting in November to help figure out how the two advisory committees can collaborate/partner with each other. He will ask for input from committee members during the October CAC meeting.
- If you are interested in volunteering for the "Adopt-a-Friend" workgroup, please let Austin and/or Lisa W. know.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 10, 2017**, from 2 to 4 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Phil Bonnet