

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2015
Minutes

Present:

Zach Miller, Chair
Austin Taylor, Desig. Dir.
Cindy Benson
Lisa Cooley (via phone)
Tom Hopkins
Michelle Hulse
Romilda Jones
Amy Lampe
Monique Lozano
Spencer McClay
Karen Miller
Robert Rogers
Steven Sanchez
Kimberly Terrell

Facilitators:

Jana Chapman-Plon
Amy Fulk
Ed Plon
Larry Prosser

Visitors:

Monique Avers
Kerri Horyza
Taeler Khan
Jon Nelson
Michele Shaw

Staff:

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

Absent: (* excused)
Sheryl Ledford*

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:03 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 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.

M/S/C (Robert Rogers) To approve the CAC meeting minutes of January 13, 2015 as amended. (13 in favor)

1. Executive Director's Report



- As mentioned at the last meeting, Phil shared that the Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA's) Grassroots Day is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th. If anyone is interested in attending this event, please contact Lisa W.
- Phil asked committee members to reach out to their local legislators and invite them to attend an upcoming CAC meeting.
- Santi Rogers is in the process of being officially confirmed as the Director of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). This committee is still interested in inviting him to attend one of our meetings.
 - Austin will be following up with his office.
- Phil would like to propose that this committee visit Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) on Tuesday, May 12th.
 - Zach provided a brief description of SDC to those present, and Phil shared that Alta has approximately 60 clients who reside there.

- Phil would like to gather suggestions as to how we can make our visit special to those clients who live there. He would like to make sure that many Alta clients living at SDC attend this meeting.
- Austin shared that prior to our annual visits, clients may not have had anyone coming to talk to them about life outside of the DC. Even if we reach out to five individuals, we are still making a difference!
- Phil shared that people beyond Alta are noticing what we are doing.
- A sub-committee (Zach, Kimberly, Michelle and Monique) will meet with Phil to help plan this trip.
- Alta will be teaming up with the Regional Advisory Committee, Sacramento, to present awards to community members this year. Phil would like to propose having the CAC judge the applications.
- Phil and Zach encourage those present to review the employment website that the committee received a presentation on last month.
 - You can access this website at www.worknow1.com.
- Phil reviewed the Lanterman Coalition's "Ten Thing You Can Do" with those present. He encouraged everyone to support the "10 for 10".

**** Monique Lozano joined the meeting***

2. Updates

◆ Peer Advocacy Connection

- Amy shared that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Supported Life Institute.



◆ Regional Advisory Committee - Sacramento

- Robert shared that the group met on January 27th.
 - Effective January 1st, the Area Boards changed their names to Advisory Committees.
 - The group discussed the National Core Indicators (NCI).
 - There will be a Managed Care Presentation on February 26th at the Maidu Community Center in Roseville.
 - A meeting on the State Plan is scheduled for March 12th at Family Soup in Yuba City.
 - The website and bylaws will soon be updated.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The committee meets every other month.

◆ ARCA-CAC

- Cindy shared that the next telephone meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 20th. The next in-person meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 10th, in Sacramento.

◆ Alta Board

- Austin shared that the Alta Board of Directors met on January 22nd.
 - Phil provided a budget update and encouraged those present to participate in ARCA's Grassroots Day.
 - The group discussed continuing dental issues for our clients.
 - The Self-Determination Waiver was submitted to the federal government on December 31st. The department needs to give regional centers more information about what this option holds for our clients.
 - The federal judge ruled against the 5.82% rate increase for Supported Living and Respite vendors.
 - ARCA may be asking the Governor to amend the proposed 2015-16 budget to include the closure of SDC and Fairview DC.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 26th, at 3 p.m.

3. Public Comments/Announcement



- Robert announced that the Marysville and Yuba/Sutter People First Chapters will be joining.
- Steven shared that the Roseville Metro People First Chapter meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Round Table Pizza on Foothills Blvd.
- David formally introduced Kerri, Alta's new intern. During ACRC U, David mentioned to her that the CAC was a great, interactive group and he appreciates her interest in this group!
- Kerri appreciates the advocacy that she has seen here today – all your efforts are not taken for granted by the clients out in the community!
- Taeler is amazed with this group – it is like we all are friends!

The next CAC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 10, 2015**, from 2 to 4 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet