

Alta California Regional Center
Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 2015
Minutes

Present:

Will Sanford, Futures Explored,
Chair
Janet Brandon, AIM &
Associates, Co-Chair
Eric Ciampa, UCP of Greater
Sacramento, Inc.
Jacquie Dillard-Foss, STEP
Eleni Gialoyrakes, Capital Social
Services
Michelle Ramirez, On My Own
Joy Scott, Tri-County Caregiver
Relief
Yvonne Soto, DDSO
Paul Traglio, Capitol Autism
Services
Carole Watilo, Progressive
Employment

Visitors:

Andrea Croom
Kayleigh Davis
Bonnie Douglas
Maureen Fitzgerald
Cynthia Guilford
Joe Jaquez
Jessica Knuth
Vanessa Moore
Wesley Moss
Richard Royse
Stan Schmidt
Sam Seaton
Cindy True
Barbra Williams

Absent: (* excused)

Jill Bonetti, Opportunity Acres
Becky Brubaker*, EGACT
Gregory Buch*, Pacific Autism
Learning Services
Gerrit deGelleke, American River
Speech
Ed Doonan*, LIFE, Inc.
Susan Miner*, Turning Point
Dawn Montgomery, HOPE
Consulting
Michelle Payne, RCCA Services
Sergio Pinto, BEST Consulting,
Inc.
Antonio Ranit, Antelope Hills
Manor
Robin Rhoades, Southside Art
Center
Laleh Sharpe*, Maxim Healthcare
Services

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
Jean Onesi, Manager of
Community Services
Darline Dupree, Manager of
Community Services
John Decker, Manager of
CPP/Forensics Department
Kristy Tinsley, Office Manager

The Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) met at 9:37 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2015, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Updates; 3) Legislative

Update; 4) Board Update; and 5) Announcements/Comments. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Will Sanford made the motion to approve the Provider Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 14, 2015 as submitted.

1. ***Executive Director Comments***

- Mr. Bonnet informed the committee that he recently watched the joint budget conference committee where representatives from both the senate and assembly were present. To date, a proposal was made to provide a 5% increase to Supported Living, Respite and DRC effective July 1, 2015 and a 2.5% increase to the rest of the RC system effective January 1, 2016.
- Mr. Bonnet shared that he received and responded to a letter from DDS related to ACRC's caseload ratios. ACRC is actively working to develop a plan for meeting the caseload ratio standards set forth by DDS for our clients who are enrolled on the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver.
- Mr. Bonnet announced that Mr. John Decker has been chosen to be ACRC's resource development contact person for the next few years. He will be tasked with determining the most appropriate services for those individuals moving out of SDC.
- Mr. Bonnet provided updates related to Alta's Board.
 - Romilda Jones was elected as the new chair of the CAC for the 2015-16 FY.
 - Modean Gibson, President of the BOD has announced her retirement from the board. A new president will be selected next month.
 - The board voted on the suggested holiday schedule (10 days total) during the last board meeting. The board was in support of the providers' decision to have less mandatory holidays.

2. ***Updates:***

- Self-Determination Program
 - Mr. Bonnet met with Sonya Bingaman, Manager of the SCDD Sacramento Office to discuss a strategy for recruiting parents, providers and members of the community for the Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC). This group is scheduled to meet for the first time on June 17th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the SCDD office in Sacramento.
 - All interested parties must attend a meeting where a video that outlines the program will be shown. From there, those meeting

attendees will be entered into a semi-random lottery for selection into the program.

- Mr. Sanford shared that each of the local SDACs must have representation from RCs, state counsel and DRC. He also stated the budget for this program is still being determined and must be approved by FMS.
- CMS Rule/HCBS Waiver Settings
 - Handouts related to DHCS “On-Site Assessment Tools” for Home and Community-Based settings that are residential and non-residential were distributed. These tools will allow providers to self-assess their compliance with the HCB Settings rules.
 - Mr. Sanford shared these rules were created in an attempt to make this process user friendly throughout the state.
 - Mr. Sanford encouraged everyone to review the tools and provide feedback to DHCS by the end of this month.
- DS (Disability Services) Taskforce 2.0
 - Mr. Sanford shared this taskforce met on June 5th. There was lengthy discussion around all that is being done to move individuals out of DCs.
 - Some agreements were made regarding what a rate system should look like for this process. There was some concern expressed around managed care and the impact it may have on the RC system.
 - Mr. Sanford stated that an MOU on integrated employment will be completed by June 15th.

3. **Legislative Update**

- Ms. Sanford announced SB644 and AB662 are currently in appropriations on the Senate side.
- SB3 – related to the minimum wage adjustment to \$11/hour is currently being reviewed by DDS.

4. **Board Update**

- Ms. Brandon attended the Board Training and meeting on May 28th.
 - The meeting began with a very informative training on the Intake process for individuals over 3 years old. Ms. Brandon took the suggested holiday schedule before the board and the board voted in favor of the providers’ decision to have fewer holidays.
 - Ms. Brandon also announced that the legislative page has been added to Alta’s website under the News and Events section thanks to Mr. Pete Tiedemann. A link to ARCA’s billing section was also added to the website.

- The board also voted on the addendum to the ILS policy manual to specify the age of an adult as being 18 years old. The board did not vote in favor of this request.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25th, at 3 p.m.

5. ***Announcements/Comments***

- Mr. Ciampa shared that he attended the Opportunity Fair at SDC earlier this week. According to Mr. Ciampa, our region was well represented. Alta was also noted as being the best represented RC in Northern, CA.
- Mr. Bonnet announced the world premiere screening of the award winning "Where's Frank" documentary will be shown here at Alta on June 11th at 6:30 PM.

The next PAC meeting is scheduled on **Thursday, July 9, 2015**, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Kristy Tinsley
Office Manager

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet