



Proposed VAC Voting Member: Carin Hewitt
Service Type: Person Centered Planning
County: Solano, Napa, and Sonoma

Carin Hewitt’s experience working in nonprofits spans nearly 30 years. She began her career at Becoming Independent and after 16 years left the organization and launched a consulting business called Alift LLC. Over the years, she has worked with numerous organizations throughout the Bay Area including YWCA, Pace Solano, Napa Valley PSI, North Bay Housing Coalition, California Autism Foundation, Santa Rosa Community Health, Vital Immigrant Defense Advocacy and Services, Community Access Plus and several others.

In 2020, Alift LLC became a vendor of North Bay Regional Center to provide person centered facilitation services. Carin has provided support to 20 individuals seeking to enroll in the self-determination program and is currently in the process of getting certified and vendored as an Independent Facilitator.

The result of this experience is a skilled and passionate advocate who is firmly grounded in leadership philosophies that promote collaboration, innovation, and advocacy on behalf of all individuals.

As the owner and operator of Alift LLC, Carin’s goal is to support individuals and organizations to achieve their highest potential. This focus stems from her deep background serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities which taught her the value of assessing situations from both a systems and human perspective. It also helped her develop an instinctive capacity to identify individual and organizational strengths and then equip people – individuals and leaders – with the tools and processes that help them reach their goals.



Proposed VAC Voting Member: **Adria Carson**

Service Type: **Supported Living Services, Independent Living Skills, & Supported Employment**

County: **Napa & Solano**

Adria Carson began her career pursuing her passion in working with children in the early 1990's. She started out as a direct care staff advocating for children with special needs. After a few years, she continued to support those children into adulthood and began working in Adult Residential Services. She went on to hold other positions such as an ARF Administrator, Adult Day Program Administrator, Director of SLS and Work Activity Program during her 21-year tenure with an agency in the East Bay.

In 2015, Adria joined the On My Own team as the Program Director of their North Bay Office. On My Own Independent Living Services and Community Services currently provide Supported Living Services, Independent Living Services, Job Development and Job Coaching in Napa and Solano Counties.

Adria has a passion for helping others and assisting those without a voice to live a quality life.



Proposed VAC Voting Member: **Samantha Wilhite**
Service Type: **Supported Living Services & Independent Living Skills**
County: **Solano**

Samantha Wilhite is currently the Director of Operations with Connections For Life (CFL).

She received her BS in Health Administration in early 2020. She began her employment career with CFL as a Direct Support Professional in 2013, advancing as a Living Services Coordinator, and then into leadership roles in CFL's operations. Samantha's 10 year experience with CFL began when her mother, a client of North Bay Regional Center began receiving Independent Living Services. Through the years Samantha has been a strong advocate for her mother, her younger brother and other various family members.

Samantha's dedication to supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities has become an integral part of who she is.