

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 8, 2024
Minutes

Present:

Amy Lampe, Chair
Tom Hopkins, Design. Dir.
Lisa Cooley
Tiffany Johnson
Jacie Oakley
Amanda Parker
Kimberly Terrell
Patty Wallace
Karen Young

Absent: (* excused)

Steven Sanchez*

Visitors:

Kelsey Handcock
Robert Levy
Jemel Williams

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
John Decker, Director of Community Services
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake & Clinical Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client Services
Reyva Johnson, Client Advocate
David Lopez, Client Advocate
Jacob Miller, Client Advocate
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss: 1) Message from Lori; 2) "Voting Rights"; 3) Updates; and 4) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Amy Lampe made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of September 10, 2024, as submitted.

1. ***Message from Lori***



- As many of you may already know, Alta is moving its Sacramento office in March 2025. Our new office will be located on E Commerce Way, between Arena Blvd. and Del Paso Blvd., off I-5 (by the old ARCO Arena).
- The "I AM ABLE Disability Job Fair" will be held tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, located at 1400 J Street, Hall A, in Sacramento. Lori hopes that this will become an annual event – last year's job fair was well attended.
 - The flyer has been widely shared and will be emailed out to committee members.
- Mechelle provided a brief overview of the draft Delegated Conservatorship Policy that will be brought before the Board's Executive Committee next Tuesday. Last July, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) issued a Directive that requires all regional centers to have a Board approved policy in place by November 28th. This draft has been posted on

Alta's website and Lisa W. emailed the draft to committee members – input is welcome.

- Lori noted that this policy is specific to clients that are DDS conserved.

2. **"Voting Rights"**



- Kelsey Handcock, with Disability Rights California, shared a presentation about voting rights.
 - People vote to make a change, set an example or they care about the issue(s).
 - Regional Centers can help clients register to vote.
 - It's important that clients decide for themselves how they wish to vote – make informed decisions.

3. **Updates**



- ◆ Peer Advocacy Network (PAN)
 - The group met today and reviewed the evaluations from the September 28th Regional Meeting.
- ◆ Alta Board
 - Alta's Board of Directors met on September 26th in Auburn.
 - During the "Meeting Our Mission" segment, a father shared his family's experience with the Self-Determination Program (SDP). His son is thriving, and he expressed his appreciation to Alta staff for their support. It has been a positive experience.
 - The Board received a presentation on SDP and approved the financial report and the agency's line of credit with U.S. Bank.
 - Lori shared information about Alta's new Sacramento office site.
 - Alta's November Board meeting will include the year-end Performance Contract Data report, as well as the annual NCI Data Meeting.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
 - The next meeting is scheduled for November 1st, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
- ◆ DDS-CAC
 - The next meeting is scheduled for November 14th & 15th, from 10 a.m. to noon.

4. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- Karen shared that Easter Seals is holding their Haunted House at 1670 Sierra Avenue, Suite 401, in Yuba City. Daytime hours are October 28th – 30th, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Evening hours are October 26th – 31st, from 6 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$5 and this event is family friendly.

- Alta is holding a Supported Decision-Making (SDM) Training for the community on October 15th, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. More information can be found on the agency's website.
 - Mechelle expressed appreciation to Amy L., as well as Alta's three Client Advocates, for helping with the training for Alta staff and clients/families.
 - Workshops are ongoing.
- Robert shared that the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) invites you to celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) by attending an Employment Webinar entitled "Access to Good Jobs for People with Disabilities: Resources and Supports for the Future" on October 29th, from 2 to 4 p.m. Interested individuals must register for this free event by accessing the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) website.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 12, 2024**.
The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales