

Alta California Regional Center  
Client Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, May 10, 2022  
Minutes

**Present:**

Amy Lampe, Chair  
Patty Wallace, Design. Dir.  
Lisa Cooley  
Barbara Crow  
Tom Hopkins  
Tiffany Johnson  
Jacie Oakley  
Michelle Rewerts  
Steven Sanchez  
Kimberly Terrell  
Karen Young

**Visitors:**

Terry Ajuria  
Gena Bellino  
Robert Levy  
Nadya Plata  
Ashley Robertson

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Romilda Jones  
Anthony Stone\*

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk

**Staff:**

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

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:02 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Nomination for CAC Chari & Designated Rep to Board for 2022-23 FY; 3) Updates; and 4) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

**Without objection, Patty Wallace made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of March 8, 2022 as submitted.**

1. ***Executive Director's Report***



- Lori stated that having people in the building is important. We will always have the opportunity for individuals to attend these meeting virtually. We found that during the pandemic more individuals were able to join in on these discussions.
- Yesterday, the Board's Executive Committee approved a letter requesting the legislatures support in reforming the Core Staffing Formula (CSF), which the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) uses to determine the amount of funding allocated to regional centers for the hiring of new staff.
  - The CSF is based on market salary rates from 2001; for every one Service Coordinator (SC) Alta hires, we need to receive funding for three.

- The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) also sent a letter requesting reform to the CSF.
  - Lori read aloud a draft letter that she would like the committee to consider approving. If approved, the letter should be sent out as soon as possible.

**Without objection, Kimberly Terrell made the motion to approve the letter requesting reform of the Core Staffing Formula as presented.**

- The second edition of Alta’s newsletter was released on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and included the “Client Corner”, which will be included in issues moving forward.
  - Lori would like this committee to consider promoting CAC membership in the September issue’s “Client Corner”.
    - Amy L., Karen, Michelle and Patty will assist Lori in drafting an article.
- At the February meeting, this group talked about making a video showcasing the different living options (e.g., Supported Living Services [SLS], Independent Living Services [ILS], living with your family, etc.) that are available to clients as part of the agency’s Strategic Plan.
  - John would like this committee to consider completing this video by December 2022, which would mean that the filming portion be completed by July. He will invite service providers to the June meeting to continue discussions.
  - The message of the video should be brief and to the point – “you can live like we do”.
  - We will share this video with clients, families and housing developers.

**2. *Nomination for CAC Chair & Designated Rep to Board for 2022-23 Fiscal Year (FY)***



- Amy L. shared that the CAC needs to nominate their Chair and Designated Representative to the Board for the next FY. She gave a brief explanation of the two positions.
  - **Amy Lampe is nominated as the CAC’s Chair for the 2022-23 FY.**
  - **Patty Wallace is nominated as the CAC’s Designated Representative to the Board for the 2022-23 FY.**

### 3. **Updates**



- ◆ Peer Advocacy Network
  - Amy L. shared that the group met today and reported on their chapter's thoughts and plans about returning to in-person meetings.
  - They discussed the topics for the September Regional Meeting. The group decided to have a presentation on Individual Program Plans (IPPs) and a discussion about transportation.
- ◆ Alta Board
  - Patty shared that the Board met on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
    - The Board approved:
      - The Service Access & Equity Policy
      - Yang Sun's third Board term
      - The Slate of Officers & ARCA Representatives for the 2022-23 fiscal year (FY)
      - The draft metrics for the Strategic Plan
      - The monthly financial report
      - The Columbus Operations (OPS) contract, which will establish a statewide staffing pool for service providers
    - Lori shared that Sonya Bingaman, with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SDCC), is retiring.
    - The Halo Dental Clinic has passed the Fire Marshall clearance and will be opening soon.
    - Alta staff are back in the office at least two-days per week.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
  - Michelle shared that the group met in April and talked about what is happening at each regional center.
  - The Lanterman Housing Alliance will be assisting in making a video.
  - The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- ◆ DDS-CAC
  - Amy L. shared that they will be holding a special meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to noon, instead of holding their June meeting.

### 4. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- David reminded everyone that the Supported Life Conference is being held at the DoubleTree Hotel on May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, as a hybrid option. Also, the People First Statewide Conference is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., via Zoom.
  - Please make sure that you connect with your Service Coordinator (SC) and make sure that the conference you wish to attend connects with an objective in your IPP.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 14, 2022**, from 2 to 4 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Lori Banales