

Alta California Regional Center  
Client Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 13, 2023  
Minutes

**Present:**

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

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Barbara Crow  
Romilda Jones\*  
Anthony Stone\*

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk

**Visitors:**

Robert Levy  
Amanda Parker  
Ashley Robertson  
Jemel Williams

**Staff:**

Lori Banales, Executive Director  
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client Services  
Tracy Brown, 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 on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 2:02 p.m. to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Updates; and 3) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

**Without objection, Amy Lampe made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of May 9, 2023 as submitted.**

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



- Lori asked David to share information with this group – Alta has three Client Advocates. He, along with Jacob Miller and Reyva Johnson, will be rotating attendance for CAC meetings and are always available to clients/families. They also attend People First Chapter and Regional Meetings.
  - Alta's Client Advocate Team is excited to announce the People Planning Together Project. This two-day training is scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> or September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in attending this training, please contact one of Alta's Client Advocates.
- Lori acknowledged and appreciates Patty's commitment in serving as the CAC's designated representative to Alta's Board of Directors for the last three years.

- Lori is proud of the work of this committee and its representation of all of Alta's clients (close to 30,000 now). Your participation is valued and helpful. Here are three things that the CAC is currently working on:
  - Working in collaboration with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), this workgroup is developing the materials and training components for the Supported Decision-Making Training.
    - Lori is excited about this opportunity and the CAC's participation is helping us move forward as a regional center.
    - We will see the product of this group in approximately six months.
  - The CAC's September "Meet & Greet".
    - We will be inviting interested individuals to a social before the September CAC meeting. The workgroup will be updating the CAC's PowerPoint.
    - Lori would like to suggest creating a one-page profile/flyer to introduce the CAC and showcase what this committee does.
  - Another group is working with Herman Kothe, Alta's Training Manager, to update the Client Friendly Individual Program Plan (IPP) signature page.
    - Patty will be added to this workgroup, which is meeting on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m. prior to the standing Board committee meetings.

## 2. Updates

- ◆ Peer Advocacy Network
  - There was no meeting this month; the next is scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to 11 a.m.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
  - The group met on May 26<sup>th</sup> and watched an Affordable Housing video.
  - The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to 11 a.m.
- ◆ DDS-CAC
  - The group met this morning and had presentations on Person-Centered Planning and Coordinated Family Supports.
  - They will meet again tomorrow, June 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

## 3. Public Comments/Announcement

- On June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, Michelle will be auditioning for "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang".
- California Autistic Self Advocates (CASA) is holding their social this Saturday via Zoom – they will be celebrating Autistic Pride.
  - Lori shared that Alta participated in the Sacramento Pride Parade on Sunday. In future years, we will want to grow our group – CAC members may want to join Alta's team next year.



- Lisa C. shared that the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) is holding a two-day meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- David noted that Cindy Ruder regularly shares a list of activities that advocacy groups are participating in – these are now posted on Alta’s website.
- Jacob and Reyva gave a presentation on the Self-Determination Program (SDP) at the Supported Life Institute’s (SLI) Conference in May.
- The Special Olympics Northern California 2023 Summer Games are being held from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> in Santa Clara.
- The 2023 MIND Summer Institute on Neurodevelopmental Disabilities will be held on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year’s theme is “Inclusion and Belonging: Powerful Discussions to Engage our Community”. Registration is required for this hybrid event.
- The Annual Summer Stroll in Yuba City is scheduled for Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 9 pm.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 11, 2023**. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Lori Banales