

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 2022
Minutes

Present:

Amy Lampe, Chair
Lisa Cooley
Barbara Crow
Tiffany Johnson
Jacie Oakley
Michelle Rewerts
Steven Sanchez
Anthony Stone
Kimberly Terrell
Karen Young

Visitors:

Gena Bellino
Stephanie Fassov
Peter Mendoza
Ashley Robertson
Jennifer Stratton
Hester Wagner

Absent: (* excused)

Patty Wallace*, Design. Dir.
Tom Hopkins
Romilda Jones

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
Jacob Miller, Client Advocate
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) "Self-Advocacy is about Rights"; 3) Updates; and 4) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Lisa Cooley made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of May 10, 2022 as submitted.

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

- Lori shared that the State's Assembly and Senate have reached an agreement to includes modernizing the Core Staffing Formula (CSF), the elimination of family fees and the acceleration of the rate study implementation for service providers. Regional centers have never had these included in any of the budget proposals put forward to the Governor. The Governor still will negotiate with the legislature to come up with a mutual plan. Daniel Savino, with the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA), will be providing instructions to Lori for an upcoming push for advocacy. We are hoping that all of the calls that the Governor receives will help gets these items prioritized. Governor Newsom has the ability to make any changes that he wishes prior to signing the budget by June 30th.



- As you know, Alta is developing a Strategic Plan. The Board's Executive Committee has approved the draft and it will be an action item on the agenda for the special call Board meeting on June 29th.
 - The CAC has agreed to create a housing video to showcase living options that are available to clients served by Alta.
 - John invited Hester, who will be assisting CAC members with the video, to this meeting to discuss ideas and craft a timeline. She suggested thinking about the question(s) that we want the video to answer; this might provide direction.
 - Alta is in the process of developing one-page flyers that will highlight living options as part of our agency's Strategic Plan. These will be posted on Alta's website.
 - Lori suggested that we could broaden this idea and post a short video by each of the one-page descriptions. This committee could provide the context for a lot of living arrangements. If we choose to go this route, we may need to reach out to more clients and get them involved in this project.
 - Hester volunteered to provide instructions or a workshop on how to make videos or what to focus on.
 - The ten different flyers should be completed by August, so this committee may choose to start working on this project then.
 - Alta will make sure that CAC members have the supports in place so that they are comfortable participating in this. Meanwhile, please think about the message that you would like to share with our community. We want a product that speaks broadly to our clients and families.

2. **"Self-Advocacy is about Rights"**

- Peter Mendoza, Community Program Specialist II Sacramento Regional Office/Proud Self-Advocate with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), gave a presentation about self-advocacy.

3. **Updates**

- ◆ Peer Advocacy Network
 - Amy L. shared that the next meeting is scheduled for July 12th.
- ◆ Alta Board
 - Michelle shared that the Board met on May 26th.
 - The Board approved:
 - The CAC's designated representative to the Board for the next fiscal year (FY).
 - The Slate of Officers and ARCA Representatives for the 2022-23 FY.
 - The Board meeting schedule for the next FY.
 - The monthly financial report.



- A contract for a multi-family housing project in Elk Grove.
- Lori's staff gave a presentation on "Accessing Dental Care for Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities". She also talked about the May Revise and a collaborative project with Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) to promote job opportunities for our service system as a whole.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
 - Michelle shared that the group will continue to discuss housing projects at their upcoming meeting on June 24th.
- ◆ DDS-CAC
 - Amy L. shared that they met on May 19th and discussed regional center incentives and the Fair Hearing process.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for November 15th & 16th, from 10 a.m. to noon.

4. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- Karen and Amy L. will be participating in the Special Olympics, June 24th through 26th, in Santa Clara. They will be athletes in the Bocce Ball competition.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 12, 2022**, from 2 to 4 p.m.
The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales