

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2022
Minutes

Present:

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

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

Terry Ajuria
Gena Bellino
Stephanie Fassov
Robert Levy
Nadya Plata
Jennifer Stratton
Hester Wagner

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
Jennifer Bloom, Associate Client
Services Director
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 at 2:03 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Alta's Strategic Plan – Housing Video Project; 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 June 14, 2022 as submitted.

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



- Lori shared that our agency's latest newsletter was published on July 1st.
 - We have committed to spotlighting a client artisan in each issue.
 - In last year's budget, there were policy positions that each regional center received. The July edition highlights Rima Cornish, Alta's Community Coordinator.
 - On June 29th, Alta's Board approved the agency's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan.
 - In partnership with our community, we will be working achieving specific goals and objectives in four focus areas. In January, Lori will be providing an update on our progress.
 - Every other newsletter (twice a year), we will be highlighting the value and meaning of the CAC's work.

- Alta's Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) will also have an article highlighting their work on the "off" months of the CAC Corner.
- Each newsletter will share a client spotlight, as well.
- Some issues will include a "Clinical Corner" – the July edition highlights Alta's Applied Behavior Analysts.
- The July edition includes an affordable housing development update.
- The Governor signed the 2022-23 state budget. The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) promoted three things, but not all were included in the budget.
 - The modification of the Core Staffing Formula (CSF) was not included. The urgency of this issue reached the legislature and they have told our statewide system to continue to advocate for this.
 - The acceleration of the rate study for service providers will now be implemented in four years instead of five, with the next rate increases taking place in six months instead of one year.
 - The family fees have been suspended for another year.We expect that there will be an increase of children entering Early Start, since the eligibility requirements have been lowered from 33% delay to 25%. Alta staff have been meeting to discuss how to generate interest in the community and attract more service providers.
 - Lori noted that Alta is waiting for guidance from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) on the new trailer bill language. She will continue to highlight sections of the budget over the next few months.
- Jennifer introduced Reyva, Alta's third Client Advocate, who joined Alta on July 1st.

2. ***Alta's Strategic Plan – Housing Video Project***

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- Mechelle shared that this group has agreed to make a video that will highlight living options for clients served by Alta (e.g., Supported Living Services [SLS, Independent Living Services [ILS], Community Care Facility [CCF], etc.). This project is tied to our agency's Strategic Plan.
 - Hester's agency will assist with creating the overarching video.
 - Volunteers may choose to make individual home videos highlighting their own living situation.
 - Alta's Coordinated Future Planning group is currently working on creating one-page descriptions of living options, which should be completed in August.
 - The goal of this project is for clients to access affordable housing and select their preferred living arrangement.
 - These one-page flyers will assist Service Coordinators (SCs) in helping clients/families make these types of person-centered decisions.

- After completed, the flyers will be sent to Hester, who will draft a script, which will be reviewed at a CAC workgroup meeting in August (date/time to be determined).
- The workgroup will also draft a plan to start shooting the video, so that it is completed and can be shared at the Coordinated Future Planning group trainings for SCs that will be rolled out in October/November.

3. **Updates**



- ◆ Peer Advocacy Network
 - Amy L. shared that the group met this morning. All of the self-advocacy Chapters are still meeting on Zoom, and might want to consider hosting an in-person, outdoor gathering with masks and social distancing so that member can see each other again.
 - They also discussed the next Regional Meeting, which will be held on Saturday, September 24th. They plan to have a presentation on Individual Program Plans (IPPs) and a discussion about transportation.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for August 9th.
- ◆ Alta Board
 - Patty shared that the Board held a special session Board meeting on June 29th to:
 - Approve Alta's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan.
 - Approve contracts for a Community Crisis Home and a Group Home for Children with Special Health Needs (GHCSHN).
 - Approve the revised Social Recreation Activities, Camp and Non-Medical Therapies Service Policy.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
 - Michelle shared that the group met on June 24th and continued to discuss the housing alliance project; they will be developing a flyer.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 22nd, from 10 a.m. to noon.
- ◆ DDS-CAC
 - Amy L. shared that the next meeting is scheduled for November 15th & 16th, from 10 a.m. to noon.

4. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- Michelle has her second audition today for *Mary Poppins!*

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 13, 2022**, from 2 to 4 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales