

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
Minutes

Present:

Kimberly Terrell, Chair
Tom Hopkins
Amy Lampe
Michelle Rewerts
Steven Sanchez
Anthony Stone
Karen Young

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

Barbara Crow
Jacie Oakley
Amanda Parker
Ashley Robertson
Alma Tucakovic

Absent: (* excused)

Patty Wallace*, Design. Dir.
Lisa Cooley*
Michelle Hulse*
Tiffany Johnson*
Romilda Jones*

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
Lori Banales, Deputy Executive Director
John Decker, Director of Community
Services
David Lopez, Client Advocate
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:04 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; and 2) Updates. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Amy Lampe made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of January 12, 2021 as submitted.

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



- Phil led a discussion about leisure activities. Even though we are all tired of staying home, we must continue to wear our masks and practice social distancing to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Vaccinations are key to getting back to normal. Once you get your second shot, you can begin to feel safer. Vaccine clinics are happening but they are sometimes hard to find.
 - Alta partnered with STEP, one of our service providers, and Safeway and three clinics were held over the last month, where approximately 900 people were vaccinated.
 - We are making plans to hold more clinics but everything is dependent on vaccine availability. We will share with this group as soon as we have more information.
 - Everyone was encouraged to stay connected to their Service Coordinator (SC).
- Phil would like to suggest that the CAC consider putting together a Public Service Announcement (PSA) that could be posted on our agency's website to ease the fears about the vaccine.

- David was assigned this task; he will work with Anthony, Barbara and Michelle, who volunteered to tell their story.
- Kim expressed concern about folks that use Paratransit – what happens if they go to one of these clinics and then they run out of the vaccine?
 - Lori shared that when Alta partners with others to host a clinic, a reservation is only given to those that there is a vaccine for. Staff also work to accommodate the special needs of our clients/families.
- Phil questioned how long it took for SCs to get back to those present when they have tried to contact them, whether it be by phone call or email.
 - Those that responded shared that all received prompt contact back. They also noted that their SCs have reached out just to check in with them, which is appreciated.
 - Phil noted that even though most SCs have about 90 clients on their caseloads, never hesitate to reach out to them if you need something.
- In this past year, Alta has had 649 clients test positive for COVID-19, with 28 deaths. There are 348 positive direct support professionals (DSPs), with two deaths. We also have had 26 of our Alta staff test positive.
 - Phil shared that across the State of California, the number of daily positive cases is decreasing dramatically.

2. **Updates**



- ◆ Peer Advocacy Network (PAN)
 - The group met this morning and discussed the next Regional Meeting, which will be held via Zoom on March 27th, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. They are creating a flyer.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
 - At the last meeting, members provided regional center updates.
 - The next virtual meeting is scheduled for this Friday, February 19th.
- ◆ DDS-CAC
 - The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 9, 2021**, from 2 to 4 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet