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Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Minutes

Present:
Amy Lampe, Chair
Lisa Cooley
Tom Hopkins
Tiffany Johnson
Jacie Oakley
Kim Terrell
John Nyagah
Adam Selvidge
Erika Sewell-Shelly
Ruben Tamayo
Kevin Terrell
Tammy Turner

Absent: (* excused)
Amanda Parker*, Design. Dir.
Steven Sanchez*
Patty Wallace
Karen Young

Facilitators:
Amy Fulk
Naomi Smith

Staff:
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client Services
John Decker, Director of Community Services
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake & Clinical Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client Services
Reyva Johnson, Client Advocate
Davd Lopez, Client Advocate
Jacob Miller, Client Advocate
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

Visitors:
Miriam Bangura
Erika Barnes
Navneet Boparai
Gayle Dax-Conroy
Elizabeth Drake
Gary Goethe
BreAnna Grantham
Rosetta Hunt
Robert Levy
Kaley Lu
Yadir Morales

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss: 1) Message from Lori; 2) "The History of Self-Advocacy"; 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 September 8, 2026, as submitted.

1. ***Message from Lori***



- John shared that the October Alta Connections newsletter has been posted to our agency's website. Highlights include:
  - Featured author Mary Thornsberry.
  - Alta's 2nd Annual Emergency Resource Fair was well attended and connected attendees with organizations and information to strengthen their emergency planning efforts.
  - An Early Start Roundtable video is posted on Alta's website.
  - The importance of a signed Individual Program Plan (IPP).

- Information about Alta's Smart Glasses Employment Pilot Project and our partnership with Sacramento State's SUCCEED Program.
- The importance of direct support professionals (DSPs).
- Alta is seeking volunteers to test the PAVE (Person-centered Advocacy Vision Education) Services Outcomes System.

- This year, Alta is combining Santa Day with a Microenterprise Fair.
- Lori asked Mechelle to highlight the importance of the work that the CAC does. They provide the client's perspective to Alta's Board of Directors, which is key. She is thankful for the efforts put forward to make today's Open House a success. We hope that today sparked interest for more clients to join the CAC to share their experiences and to help shape the service system.

2. ***"The History of Self-Advocacy"***



- Tom Hopkins and Robert Levy shared a presentation entitled "The History of Self-Advocacy."

3. ***Updates***



♦ Peer Advocacy Network
- Andy and Dana Faletti are retiring. A new Director will be named in the new year.

♦ ARCA-CAC
- The group met on September 18th and talked about the Trailer Bill Language (TBL) changes.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 30th, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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



- Alta is holding our next Community Meeting on Wednesday, November 4th, where staff will be sharing information about Alta's Coordinated Family Supports. The link is posted on our website.
- The South Lake Tahoe Community Meeting will be held on Friday, November 6th.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 10, 2026**.
The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales