

Alta California Regional Center  
Client Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, October 11, 2022  
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

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk

**Visitors:**

Terry Ajuria  
Stephanie Fassov  
Kim Leeseman  
Robert Levy  
Robin Rhoades

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Barbara Crow  
Romilda Jones  
Anthony Stone\*

**Staff:**

Jennifer Bloom, Associate Client  
Services Director  
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  
Reyva Johnson, Client Advocate  
David Lopez, Client Advocate  
Jacob Miller, Client Advocate  
Johnny Xiong, Associate Client Services  
Director  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Directors Report; 2) "Becoming a Board Member"; 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 13, 2022 as submitted.**

1. ***Directors Report***



- Mechelle and John reviewed the public policy measures, as well as measures related to employment, the Paid Internship Program (PIP), and reducing disparities and improving equity in Purchase of Services (POS) expenditures, for the 2023 Performance Contract with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) with the group.
  - Alta is seeking public input through Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Any ideas and/or suggestions can be emailed to [performancecontractfeedback@altaregional.org](mailto:performancecontractfeedback@altaregional.org).
- Alta's draft Conservatorship Policy will be mailed to everyone for their review.
  - Any suggestions should be sent to Lisa W.

- After meeting with committee members at the end of September, Hester is currently working on the CAC's housing video that supports Alta's Strategic Plan.

## 2. **"Becoming a Board Member"**

- Kim Leeseman, with People First of CA, noted that they are currently seeking new Board members. She shared a presentation entitled "Becoming a Board Member".

## 3. **Updates**

### ◆ Peer Advocacy Network

- Amy L. shared that the group met this morning.
  - The group reviewed the Regional Meeting.
  - They reviewed the list of presentations and discussions that Chapters have had over the past six months.
  - The group also talked about their greatest accomplishments, such as: writing letters to Congress about changing Medicare coverage, providing updates about legislation and the state budget, learning how to deal with conflicts and bullying, and advocating for longer transportation hours.
- The next meeting is November 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to 11 a.m.

### ◆ Alta Board

- Patty shared that the Board met on September 22<sup>nd</sup>:
  - They received a training about the Self-Determination Program.
  - The group approved the financial report and the agency's line of credit with U.S. Bank.
  - Lori shared that Alta is hiring a dental coordinator. Staff are working closely with the HALO Clinic and California Northstate University to support clients who receive dental services.
  - Robin Black, Alta's Legal Services Manager, shared the changes that are taking place to the complaint/appeals process.
  - Lori spoke to the Board about the ABC News 10 conservatorship series and provided data on the number of individuals conserved by DDS.

### ◆ ARCA-CAC

- Amy L. shared that the group met on September 30<sup>th</sup>. They continued to discuss attending public hearings to provide testimonials on affordable housing. It is important to advocate for others and request more set-asides for clients. Members also provided updates on their regional centers.
- The ARCA-CAC housing meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 4 p.m.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to 11 a.m.



◆ DDS-CAC

- Amy L. shared that the next meeting is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The group will hold elections and have presentations.

4. **Public Comments/Announcement**

- Amy will turn 42 on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Michelle turns 50 on November 11<sup>th</sup>!



The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**, from 2 to 4 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Lori Banales