

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
Minutes

Present:

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

Visitors:

Stephanie Fassov
Ashley Robertson

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Absent: (* excused)

Lisa Cooley
Romilda Jones
Michelle Rewerts*

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
Jennifer Bloom, Associate Client
Services Director
John Decker, Director of Community
Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client
Services
David Lopez, Client Advocate
Hewitt Matanari, Emergency Response
Coordinator
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Performance Contract 2021 Review & 2022 Public Input; 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 14, 2021 as submitted.


1. *Executive Director's Report*




- Lori introduced Hewitt Matanari, Alta's Emergency Response Coordinator. He gave a brief introduction and is interested in assisting clients so that they are prepared for emergencies; they can happen at any time.
- Later in the meeting, Mechelle and John will be speaking to the group about Alta's Performance Contract with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).
- Lori has met with several People First Chapters since she was named Alta's Executive Director. She encourages every client to keep having their voices heard. We need to support and promote legislative platforms that you feel would benefit all of the individuals served by Alta.
 - Continue to think about what you would like us to focus on.
- Alta's Board of Directors is starting the strategic planning process and will be identifying focus areas for staff to target. Once the plan is completed, Lori will bring it to this committee to gather input so that we can assist Alta staff moving forward.

- We are still tracking positive COVID-19 cases. Lori wanted to commend those individuals that put together the vaccination video. It seems like people are beginning to realize that the vaccines work.
 - Those that are interested in getting the Pfizer booster should look for its availability close to where you live.
- As mentioned before, Alta staff and the Board review the quarterly dashboard indicators and use the information to make decisions. Lori will be reviewing the current dashboard with this group at the next CAC meeting.
 - Lisa will mail a copy to committee members. Please take time to look them over prior to the November 9th meeting.


2. **Performance Contract 2021 Review & 2022 Public Input**

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- John Decker and Mechelle Johnson reviewed the 2021 Performance Contract with the group.
 - Your input is very important to the regional center. This committee represents 27,000 clients who are served by Alta.
 - Lisa will mail a copy of the Performance Contract to committee members.
 - Please send your suggestions/input for the 2022 Performance Contract to Lisa.

3. **Updates**

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- ◆ Peer Advocacy Network
 - Amy L. shared that the group met today. Since October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, they had a presentation about employment by Pam Haney from Progressive Employment Concepts (PEC).
 - They also talked about SB 639, which will eliminate subminimum wage.
 - The group discussed the Regional Meeting which was held on September 25th.
 - John Decker will be giving a presentation on housing at the November 9th meeting.
 - ◆ Alta Board
 - The Board Training/Retreat/Meeting was held on September 23rd.
 - ◆ DDS-CAC
 - The next meeting is scheduled for November 16th & 17th, from 10 a.m. to noon.

4. **Public Comments/Announcement**

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- David has been working on an advocacy project entitled "People Planning Together". Clients are welcome to attend one of the three upcoming trainings; each has four modules.
 - If you are interested in learning more about advocacy, please contact David directly.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021**, from 2 to 4 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales