

Alta California Regional Center  
Client Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, October 13, 2020  
Minutes

**Present:**

Kimberly Terrell, Chair  
Patty Wallace, Design. Dir.  
Lisa Cooley  
Tom Hopkins  
Tiffany Johnson  
Amy Lampe  
Michelle Rewerts  
Karen Young

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk

**Visitors:**

Selene Anderson  
Jacie Oakley  
Cindy Ruder  
Daniel Sheppard

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Michelle Hulse\*  
Romilda Jones\*  
Steven Sanchez\*  
Anthony Stone\*

**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 2:06 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) "Your Vote Matters!!!"; 3) Updates; and 4) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

**Without objection, Michelle Rewerts made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of September 8, 2020 as submitted.**

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



- Due to possible fire danger, Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) by PG&E are happening again. This might affect some of our clients/families in our ten county catchment area beginning tomorrow. Because of the fire that was caused by winds in Paradise two years ago, PG&E is being cautious. Not having electricity can cause issues for people on the medical baseline – individuals on ventilators, those with electric wheelchairs, etc.
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>, three weeks from today, is the election. Phil encouraged everyone to take their time when voting. There are a lot of Propositions on the ballot and it is sometimes helpful to look at who sponsors them. Don't hesitate to speak with someone if you want clarification on them, as well.
- So far, Alta has had 142 clients test positive for COVID-19, with eleven deaths.
- Phil asked those present if they have been receiving any "in-person" service from our direct support professionals (DSPs). Those individuals who receive Independent Living Services (ILS) and Support Living Services (SLS) have.

- Alta received a letter from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) about being out of compliance regarding our caseload ratios. We either have too few Service Coordinators (SCs) or too many clients. If you have any suggestions on what the agency can do to assist with them, please contact Phil.

## 2. **"Your Vote Matters!!!"**



- David shared that those of you who are registered to vote should have received your ballot and other voting information in the mail.
- People with disabilities need to have their voices heard – you need to share what affects you.
- What you learn from this process will help you become a better peer advocate.

## 3. **Updates**



- ◆ Peer Advocacy Network
  - The group met today and had a virtual voting presentation from Gabe Taylor, with Disability Rights California (DRC). He provided information about how voting is different this year due to COVID-19, along with helpful resources. Gabe also shared information about Voting Accessibility Advisory Committees (VAACs), which are a great way that self-advocates can get involved in their communities in a leadership capacity.
  - The next Regional Meeting is planned for March 27, 2021. The group already has virtual presentations planned.
  - Most Chapters are meeting by Zoom or conference call and providing great peer support.
- ◆ Alta Board
  - Alta's Board of Directors held a training and their bi-monthly meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>:
    - The training was on Alta's Whistleblower Policy and Board member responsibilities.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
  - Daniel Savino talked to the group about the importance of voting.
  - Their next virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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



- The Marysville People's First Chapter holds BINGO on Fridays thru Zoom. They also share presentations on various topics.
- Alta has paired up with the Sacramento Regional Office of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) to hold trainings that focus on employment every Tuesday in October thru Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please register prior to the scheduled event (email will be shared

with those present). Otherwise you can access the recorded trainings on YouTube.

- David encouraged everyone to participate in these opportunities and share the information with your local Chapters.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 10, 2020**, from 2 to 4 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Phil Bonnet