

Alta California Regional Center  
Client Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023  
Minutes

**Present:**

Amy Lampe, Chair  
Tom Hopkins, Design. Dir.  
Lisa Cooley  
Tiffany Johnson  
Jacie Oakley  
Michelle Rewerts  
Steven Sanchez  
Anthony Stone  
Kimberly Terrell  
Patty Wallace  
Karen Young

**Visitors:**

Nichole Baxter  
Carol Hamilton  
Shivnail Kumar  
Marc Laver  
Amanda Parker  
Nadya Plata  
Paloma Rodriguez  
Brittanie Sanders  
Kevin Terrell

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Romilda Jones

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk

**Staff:**

Lori Banales, Executive Director  
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  
David Lopez, Client Advocate  
Jacob Miller, Client Advocate  
Johnny Xiong, Associate Client Services Director  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss: 1) Message from Lori; 2) CAC's Housing Video & Discussion; 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 October 10, 2023, as submitted.**

*\*Barbara Crow will be removed from the CAC and can reapply when she is able to attend meetings.*


**1. Message from Lori**




- Lori believes that today's "Meet & Greet" was a success – we have two new applicants. This committee has the potential for growth.
- The 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tree Lighting will take place at the State Capitol on December 5<sup>th</sup>. This year, along with the large Christmas tree, there will also be 21 smaller trees – one representing each regional center.

- Each regional center will decorate their tree between 12 and 4 p.m. on December 5<sup>th</sup>, prior to the evening's celebration.
- The tree comes with a tree stand and white lights. Lori asked for ideas of a theme – the theme will be "Snowflakes" because we are all unique.
- Alta will host a snowflake making craft event from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Supplies will be provided. Clients of all ages, that are supported by our regional center, will be invited to come and make a snowflake.


## 2. **CAC's Housing Video & Discussion**

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- The CAC's housing video, which is posted on Alta's website, was shown.
  - Alta staff have had a few opportunities this past month to share this video – during the Lanterman Housing Alliance meeting and at the Supported Life Conference. The video was well received.
  - This video is at the top of Alta's housing page on our website.
  - David asked what inspired CAC members to do this video. Responses included:
    - Showing clients that you can do anything with support.
    - Encouraging clients to not being afraid to do something new.
    - Making sure that clients know that they have choices.
    - Showing that independence looks different for everyone – this video makes the idea real.
  - CAC members can help pave the way for more projects like this.

## 3. **Updates**

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- ◆ Peer Advocacy Network (PAN)
    - The group met today and talked about the importance of staying nonpartisan. It's a requirement for a non-profit agency like Supported Life to be nonpartisan. Chapters should also keep discussions nonpartisan because everyone has different opinions, and we want Chapters to feel welcoming to everyone. The group also discussed what it means to be professional.
    - The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2024, from 10 to 11 a.m.
  - ◆ ARCA-CAC
    - The group is working on the affordable housing webinar that will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
    - The next meeting is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 11 a.m.
  - ◆ DDS-CAC
    - The group is meeting tomorrow, November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to noon.

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

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- In January, Michelle will be auditioning for "Our Town". She will share information about performances as the dates get closer.

- Marc Laver works at United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) as a Community Advocate. He came here today to reach out and see how we can work together. UCP has several events scheduled for children, and they want to provide more opportunities to engage adults.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 9, 2024**. The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Lori Banales