

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Minutes

Present:

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

Absent: (* excused)

Steven Sanchez
Kimberly Terrell*

Visitors:

Nichole Baxter
Marc Laver
Amanda Parker
Ashley Robertson
Jemel Williams
Joseph Wilson

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client Services
Tracy Brown, Associate Client Services Director
John Decker, Director of Community Services
Hubert Enriquez, Emergency Response Coordinator
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake & Clinical Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client Services
Reyva Johnson, Client Advocate
Jacob Miller, Client Advocate
Carly Shearer, Client Employment Specialist
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss: 1) Message from Lori; 2) ARCA's Tony Anderson; 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 February 13, 2024, as submitted.

1. ***Message from Lori***



- Lori wanted to follow up with this committee to see if there was any additional feedback on the value of the icons on the CAC's and Board's agendas – do they meet the need?
 - Alta's Board of Directors is looking to change the format of the agendas moving forward and committee member's input is valued.
- Carly shared that Alta has starting a hashtag contest so that we can promote all of the employment opportunities on our social media.
 - Tony explained that when someone uses a hashtag “#” on social media, every post on “X” (formerly Twitter) that has the same hashtag gets shared with everyone. This helps spread the word.

- The deadline to submit ideas is March 20th.
- Lori noted that in an effort to affect change in the public policy measures that the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has put forward in regional center's Performance Contracts, regional centers go out to their communities to seek input/feedback. Alta's Board of Directors will approve the 2024 Performance Contract at the May 23rd Board meeting.
 - Lori has asked Alta's Client Advocates to share the agency's planned activities at upcoming People First Chapter meetings to help start the conversation and gather input.
 - Public input is gathered year-round at performancecontractfeedback@altaregional.org.

2. **ARCA's Tony Anderson**



- Tony, with the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA), gave an overview of "The California State Legislative Process – How a Bill Becomes a Law":
 - The California Legislature has two houses – the Senate (40 members) and the Assembly (80 members). These houses are responsible for:
 - Passing new State laws – legislative bills and resolutions.
 - Passing State budget – the budget funds all California state agencies.
 - Advocating for constituents – casework assistance for all state agencies.
 - Bill ideas from agencies, organizations, community members, lobbyists, Governor, etc., is put into legal language by Legislative Counsel.
 - The bill is introduced and sent to the Rules Committee to be referred.
 - The bill is voted on in at least one Policy Committee.
 - The bill is voted on in the Appropriations Committee (if there is a financial cost).
 - The bill then goes to the floor for a vote (the house of origin).
 - The bill then repeats the same process through the other house.
 - If there are any amendments in the second house, then the bill is sent back to the house of origin for another vote.
 - The bill is then sent to the Governor's desk – the Governor has 30 days to act on it. The three things that can happen:
 - The Governor vetoes the bill – bill fails.
 - The Governor signs it – bill becomes a law!
 - The Governor returns the bill without a signature – bill becomes a law after 30 days.

- The normal legislative process for bills runs from February through mid-October.

3. **Updates**



- ◆ Peer Advocacy Network (PAN)
 - The group met today and worked on the final details for the April 6th Regional Meeting. Members will give presentations about their lives. The meeting will be at the Wyndham Hotel in Sacramento. The cost to attend is \$5, which includes lunch.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for April 9th, from 10 to 11 a.m.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
 - The group discussed the upcoming legislative hearings.
 - They plan to hold in-person meetings beginning in July 2024.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for March 29th from 11 a.m. to noon.
- ◆ DDS-CAC
 - The group is still seeking an Orange County member.
 - They had three presentations at the last meeting.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for June 11th & 12th, from 10 a.m. to noon.

4. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- Michelle will be auditioning for *Matilda* in September.
- Marc assists UCP with planning social engagements. A golf program is now available in Rancho Cordova, and they also have a scuba diving program at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.
 - On Friday, April 5th, a Cine-Concert: "Triplets of Belleville" (PG-13) will be shown at the Mondavi Center in Davis from 7 to 9:15 p.m.
- Joseph shared that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors hosts Townhall events about disability services. If you would like further information, please contact him at josephw@ril-sacramento.org.
- Jacob will be attending the Marysville People Chapter meeting scheduled for this Friday, March 15th, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Round Table Pizza, located at 202 9th Street in Marysville. He will be sharing information on living options, transportation and work programs.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 14, 2024**. The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales