

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Minutes

Present:

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

Absent: (* excused)

Michelle Hulse*
Romilda Jones*

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

Barbara Crow
Jacie Oakley
Selene Anderson

Staff:

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director
Lori Banales, Deputy Executive Director
John Decker, Director of Community Services
Cindy Le, Client Employment Specialist
David Lopez, Client Advocate
Jean Onesi, Manager of Community Services
Olivia Procida, Manager of Community Services
Katherine Westin, Home & Community Based Services Specialist
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:04 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Discussion about Alternative Services; 3) Updates; and 4) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Lisa Cooley made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of February 9, 2021 as submitted.

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



- Last night, Phil shared with Alta's Board of Directors that he will be retiring in June of this year. You, as clients, are the reason he does this job. The CAC has been an amazing committee; we have done some wonderful things and taken some great trips. Phil assured everyone that Alta has a great Leadership Team and things will be okay.
 - After he retires, Phil is invited to join the CAC meetings anytime.
- Alta is vaccinating thousands of people in the clinics that we are hosting in partnership with Safeway Pharmacies and service providers.
 - We are hosting a vaccine clinic this Thursday and Friday – 1,200 doses.
 - PRIDE Roseville may be hosting a vaccine clinic next week, as well.
- If we can get everyone vaccinated, we can start doing things again. "Community immunity" is what Phil calls it. Alta staff have access to a

letter that can assist clients who are 16 years and older access the vaccine in their own communities.

- Please reach out to your Service Coordinator (SC) if you need assistance.
- Phil led a discussion about vaccine hesitancy – what causes this and how can we help lessen people’s fears.
 - Last month, this committee discussed creating a Public Service Announcement (PSA). Now that we have approval from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the State of California to get our clients vaccinated, Phil would like committee members to assist David with this.
 - Volunteers include: Amy, Anthony, Barbara, Lisa C., Michelle, Patty and Steven.

2. **Discussion about Alternative Services**



- Alta’s Community Services Department staff shared information about what their department does to secure service options for all of the clients that are served by Alta, from babies to adults.
 - Alternative services were developed due to COVID-19 and will continue to be offered in order to keep clients and families safe.
 - Cindy is working with DDS and the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) on various employment initiatives.
 - Katherine’s job at Alta focuses on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Final Rule, which requires that clients are integrated into their own communities.

3. **Updates**



- ◆ Peer Advocacy Network (PAN)
 - The group met this morning and finalized details for the virtual (Zoom) Regional Meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 27th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - They will have a presentation on “Supported Decision Making” at the next PAN meeting.
 - The group talked about Chapters continuing to meet on Zoom, even though some members have been vaccinated. Everyone wants to continue to be safe, so they will not start in-person meetings yet.
- ◆ Alta Board
 - In January, Alta’s Board voted on two returning members – Jackie Armstrong and Anwar Safvi.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
 - ARCA’s Executive Committee asked the group to work on a client feedback project, detailing what clients think SCs should be required to do for them.

- If you would like to participate in this project, please email your feedback to Michelle at shineingstart43@gmail.com.
- The next virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 26th.
- ◆ DDS-CAC
 - The group met on February 17th, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and they will be meeting again on April 23rd, from 3 to 4 p.m. in order to talk about Safety Trainings.

4. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- David will be sharing a Disaster Preparedness presentation with Yolo County People First this Saturday, March 13th, via Zoom.
 - Please contact him if you'd like him to share this information at other Chapter meetings.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 11, 2021**, from 2 to 4 p.m.
The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Phil Bonnet