

Alta California Regional Center  
Client Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
Minutes

**Present:**

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

**Visitors:**

Barbara Crow  
Charlene Jones  
Jacie Oakley  
Marcia Orland  
Ashley Robertson  
Cindy Ruder  
Kim Smalley  
Mark Starford  
Danielle Trachtenberg  
Kecia Weller

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Patty Wallace\*, Design. Dir.  
Michelle Hulse\*  
Romilda Jones\*

**Staff:**

Phil Bonnet, Executive Director  
Lori Banales, Deputy Executive Director  
John Decker, Director of Community Services  
Mechelle Johnson, Associate Client Services Director  
David Lopez, Client Advocate  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Nomination of CAC Chair & Designated Rep to Board for 2021-22 FY; 3) "Talk About Sexual Violence III" w/Mark Starford; 4) Updates; and 5) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

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

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



- Phil shared that the minutes reflect what takes place during these meeting and notates everyone who attends. Knowing that he will soon be retiring, he might visit this group in the future. He reminded those present that the work that this committee does is for every client that is served by Alta – about 27,000 individuals.
- Those that attended the Stateside Self Advocacy Conference last Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> provided feedback on Supported Life Institute's (SLI's) first virtual conference.
- The CAC might be able to return to in-person meetings within the next few months, depending on vaccinations, positive COVID-19 cases, etc.

- Alta continues to promote vaccination opportunities for our clients, families and service providers. We have a vaccination clinic scheduled for tomorrow in Rancho Cordova, and as of today, we have only one person registered. Phil noted that a large amount of people have vaccine hesitancy.
  - He shared the Public Service Announcement (PSA) that this committee developed on the importance of being vaccinated against COVID-19. This video has been posted on all of Alta's social media platforms, as well as our agency's website.
- On Friday, Governor Newsom will be releasing the May Revise of the proposed 2021-22 fiscal year's (FY's) budget. The legislature will hold hearings and make any necessary revisions, prior to sending the final version to the Governor's desk for his signature. This year, the State of California is projecting a \$75 billion windfall, of which some monies came from the federal government. If you file your taxes this year, you may receive another \$600 state stimulus check.
  - Phil shared that the May Revise will be discussed at Alta's "Coffee with Community Services" on Friday. Alta's staff and service providers attend these weekly virtual meetings, which are open to the public.
- Beginning tomorrow, May 12<sup>th</sup>, the federal government is offering a discount on Internet service for low-income families through the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Program. More information can be found on Alta's website and social media platforms.
- The Self-Determination Program (SDP) will be available in June to any client over the age of three years old.
  - Phil would like this committee to start thinking about how we can connect with our clients about this opportunity.

## 2. ***Nomination of CAC Chair & Designated Rep to Board for 2021-22 FY***

**Issue:** Committee needs to hold elections for the Chair and Designated Representative to the Board of Directors for the 2021-22 fiscal year (FY).

**Discussion and Action:** Lisa W. shared that the CAC needs to nominate their Chair and Designated Representative to the Board for the next FY. She gave a brief explanation of the two positions.

- **Amy Lampe is nominated as the CAC's Chair for the 2021-22 FY.**
- **Patty Wallace is nominated as the CAC's Designated Representative to the Board for the 2021-22 FY.**

## 3. ***"Talk About Sexual Violence III" w/Mark Starford***

- The purpose of this project is to raise awareness of violence against disabled individuals.



- This focus group gathered feedback about what constitutes a good, fair doctor's appointment. Doctors need to learn to look beyond the individual's disability.

#### 4. **Updates**



- ◆ Peer Advocacy Network (PAN)
  - The group met this morning and discussed having Mark Starford and Charlene Jones present at an upcoming PAN meeting.
  - Chapters presented their "elevator pitches", a short explanation about each Chapter that can be used to help others understand what the Chapter does and to help recruit new members.
  - They reviewed last month's presentation on "Supported Decision Making".
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
  - The group met in April and created a document which supports the increased funding needs for service coordination.
- ◆ DDS-CAC
  - The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### 5. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- John and David expressed appreciation to everyone for their input during today's presentation.
- If you are interested in joining the CAC, please fill out the application that is posted on Alta's website and email it to Lisa W. It's important for this committee to have active members.

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 8, 2021**, from 2 to 4 p.m.  
The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Phil Bonnet