

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
Minutes

Present:

Amy Lampe, Chair
Tom Hopkins, Design. Dir.
Lisa Cooley
Tiffany Johnson
Jacie Oakley
Amanda Parker
Steven Sanchez
Karen Young

Absent: (* excused)

Kimberly Terrell*
Patty Wallace

Visitors:

Mark Barry
Brandy Ketner
Alexis Lantz
Robert Levy
Jemel Williams
Joseph Wilson

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk
Naomi Smith

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client Services
Tracy Brown, Associate Client Services Director
John Decker, Director of Community Services
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake & Clinical Service
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client Services
Reyva Johnson, Client Advocate
Jacob Miller, Client Advocate
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 2:02 p.m. to discuss: 1) Message from Lori; 2) CAC Chair & Designated Rep to Board for 2025-26 FY; 3) Caltrans Presentation; 4) Updates; and 5) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Amy Lampe made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of March 11, 2025, as submitted.

1. ***Message from Lori***

- Lori provided an update on the budget:
 - At the federal level, the Medicaid issue is being discussed. This could affect the federal funding that comes into the state. Obama Care allowed states to expand the income requirements to include individuals that made a little bit more money. It appears that this expansion will be preserved, although those individuals that are not citizens may be affected. The expected \$880 billion in savings has been reduced to \$715 billion. After the federal decision is made, then the state can decide how to proceed.
 - Tomorrow morning, Governor Newsom will release the May Revision. Full tax receipts will not be known until October. The Senate and the



Assembly will work together with the administration and send a proposed budget to the Governor's desk by June 15th, to be signed by June 30th.

- Alta is participating in the "Keep the Promise" Rally that is scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the west steps on the State Capitol. Lori encourages individuals to attend and speak up about what is important to clients and families.
- Today is an opportunity to review Alta's 2025 Performance Contract. We are seeking input – ideas can be shared with Lisa W. or emailed to performancecontractfeedback@altaregional.org by May 30, 2025.
 - Mechelle, Jennifer, Camelia and John provided an overview of the public policy measures.
 - Those present provided suggestions, which include:
 - Regarding Independent Living Services (ILS), Supported Living Services (SLS) and Family Home Agency (FHA), Alta could provide outreach to high schools, transitional programs and day programs, and speak about all of the different opportunities that are available.
 - For ways to support families and keep them together, Alta could offer counseling services.
 - Alta might look at utilizing psychology students to assist with Intake.

2. **CAC Chair & Designated Rep to Board for 2025-26 FY**



- Amy Lampe expressed interest in continuing to serve as the CAC Chair, and Tom Hopkins is interested in continuing to serve as the CAC Designated Representative to Alta's Board of Directors for the 2025-26 fiscal year (FY).

Without objection, the committee nominated Amy Lampe as the CAC Chair and Tom Hopkins as the CAC Designated Rep to the Board for the 2025-26 FY.

3. **Caltrans Presentation**



- Jacob shared that Alta's Client Advocates found that clients may want to know more about Caltrans. California State Department of Transportation. They are trying to provide information to the community.
 - Alexis Lantz, Assistant Deputy Director of the Office of Equity & Tribal Affairs, shared that her Office is striving to provide the community with more information.
 - Brandy Ketner, ADA Infrastructure Program – Compliance Office, shared information on how to submit an ADA grievance. Her office is involved in coordinating with various local, state, and federal entities

to ensure that projects are aligned with broader goals, including accessibility, safety, and sustainability.

- Mark Barry, Branch Chief, provided information on Caltrans Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Program. This program provides funding for the purpose of assisting private, nonprofit groups/qualifying public agencies in meeting the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when traditional transportation services are unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate.
 - Nonprofits are encouraged to apply for funding – “Call for Projects” is anticipated to be released on June 30, 2025.

4. **Updates**

◆ PAN

- The group met today, and members agreed to change the day and time of their meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 28th, from 4 to 6 p.m.

◆ Alta Board

- Alta’s Board met on March 27th.
 - The Meeting Our Mission segment featured Collin, a client, who uses animation to share things that are happening in his head.
 - The Board approved the Slate of Officers for the next fiscal year, the revised Conflict of Interest Policy, and the monthly financial report.
 - Lori provided a budget update and encouraged individuals to get involved by advocating for our statewide service system at upcoming legislative hearings.

◆ ARCA-CAC

- The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 23rd, from 11 a.m. to noon.

◆ DDS-CAC

- The group is scheduled to meet on June 10th & 11th.

5. **Public Comments/Announcement**

- John enjoyed speaking with members of the South Area People First Chapter at their April 12th meeting.
- Alta will be featuring the CAC in our next quarterly newsletter by promoting CAC membership and highlighting the CAC’s Chair and designated representative to the Board of Directors for the next FY.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 10, 2025**. The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales