

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Minutes

Present:

Amy Lampe, Chair
Lisa Cooley
Jacie Oakley
Michelle Rewerts
Kimberly Terrell
Patty Wallace
Karen Young

Absent: (* excused)

Tom Hopkins, Design. Dir.
Tiffany Johnson
Steven Sanchez*

Visitors:

Robert Levy
Amanda Parker
Jemel Williams

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
Robin Black, Legal Services Manager
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
David Lopez, Client Advocate
Jacob Miller, Client Advocate
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 2:02 p.m. to discuss: 1) Message from Lori; 2) CAC Chair & Designated Rep to Board for 2024-25 FY; 3) Review Supported Decision-Making Materials; 4) Emergency Response Communication Cards Discussion; 5) Updates; and 6) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Amy Lampe made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of March 12, 2024, as submitted.

**Amy L. noted that Anthony Stone has resigned from this committee.*

1. ***Message from Lori***



- Lori shared that Governor Newsom held a press conference last Friday morning to share his plans for the state to balance its budget. The statewide service system remains intact, although the delay remains on the table for the last phase of the rate increase for direct support professionals (DSPs). A rally will be held next Tuesday, May 21st, at 10 a.m. at the State Capitol to enhance efforts to stop this delay.
- For several years, the community of Spanish speakers has been lobbying to have the Lanterman Act translated into Spanish. The Department of

Developmental Services (DDS) released this version last week. The link to the online version can be found on the department's website, as well as Alta's.

- Kelsey Handcock, with the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA), has offered to make available training for upcoming CAC meetings. Suggested topics include:
 - Financial concerns
 - Upcoming voting rights in major elections
 - Information on Fair Hearing and/or due process
 - Lori would like committee members to send suggested training topics to Lisa W. Topics can include additional ones that are not on Kelsey's list.
- Lori is pleased that this committee will be reviewing the Supported Decision-Making materials with Robin Black today. After the materials are finalized, we work to make them client friendly. We also will need volunteers from this committee to assist with training our community partners, as well as Alta staff.

2. **CAC Chair & Designated Rep to Board for 2024-25 FY**

- Lisa W. contacted all CAC members prior to today's meeting. Amy Lampe has expressed interest in continuing to serve as the CAC Chair and Tom Hopkins is interested in continuing to serve as the CAC Designated Rep to the Board for the 2024-25 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 2024-25 FY.

3. **Review Supported Decision-Making Materials**

- The group reviewed the Supported Decision-Making (SDM) training materials with Robin Black, Alta's Legal Services Manager.
- Next step is to gather a list of volunteers to assist with the training workshops, which includes Alta's Client Advocates – David, Jacob, and Reyva.
- The Training Team will meet either the last week of May or the second week in June. They will then bring the finalized training materials back to this committee to ask for volunteers.

4. **Emergency Response Communication Cards Discussion**

- Alta's Client Advocates, Hubert Enriquez (Alta's Emergency Response Coordinator) and Alta's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialists have been working to develop more inclusive emergency response communication cards.



- Hubert is also working to develop other tools for the community to use in the event of an emergency.
- Hubert shared that Alta plans to have these cards available on our Emergency Preparedness webpage, as well as the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Information webpage. They will eventually be available in other languages, along with a higher contrast copy for those that have visual impairments.
 - Lisa W. will send the pdf and survey to everyone for feedback.

5. **Updates**



- ◆ Peer Advocacy Network (PAN)
 - The next meeting is scheduled for June 11th, from 10 to 12 noon.
- ◆ Alta Board
 - The Board approved the proposed Slate of Officers for the 2024-25 FY.
 - They approved three housing contracts:
 - The Heights, with ten set aside units for clients.
 - The River City Apartments, with 15 set aside units.
 - The Lake Washington Apartments, with 19 set aside units.
 - Board members reviewed and accepted the monthly financial report.
 - Lori shared that Alta staff have been at the State Capitol advocating for our statewide service system.
 - Alta held its Annual Purchase of Services (POS) Data Meeting in March.
 - Lori provided an overview of the Strategic Plan End of Year Report 2023, which is now posted on Alta's website.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
 - The next meeting is scheduled for May 17th, from 11 a.m. to noon.
- ◆ DDS-CAC
 - The group met on April 23rd and talked about person-center planning.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for June 11th & 12th, from 10 a.m. to noon.

6. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- Michelle auditioned for "Funny Money." Although she was not chosen for a part, she will be helping the Director with props and in the lighting booth.
- Mechelle noted that Alta is seeking input on ways to meet the mandated caseload ratios for six categories. Any suggestions should be emailed to ratioinput@altaregional.org by June 3rd.
 - Alta met three: the "1:45 Movers Within Last 12 Months", the "1:25 Complex Needs" and the 1:40 Low or No POS."
 - Alta did not meet the remaining three: the "1:62 On Waiver", the "1:40 Under 6 Years", and the "1:66 Over 5 Years, Non-Waiver, Non-Mover."
- This past weekend, Amy L. won first place in the Bocce Ball Tournament in the rain.

- UC Davis MIND Institute is holding their 2024 Summer Institute on Neurodevelopmental Disabilities on Friday, July 19th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Sacramento.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 11, 2024**. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales