

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 10, 2025
Minutes

Present:

Amy Lampe, Chair
Tom Hopkins, Design. Dir.
Lisa Cooley
Tiffany Johnson
Jacie Oakley
Steven Sanchez
Kimberly Terrell
Patty Wallace
Karen Young

Absent: (* excused)
Amanda Parker*

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk
Naomi Smith

Visitors:

Jemel Williams

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client Services
John Decker, Director of Community Services
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake & Clinical Service
Hubert Enriquez, Emergency Response Coordinator
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, June 10, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. to discuss: 1) Message from Lori; 2) Fire Preparedness; 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 May 13, 2025, as submitted.

1. *Message from Lori*



- Lori met with the Board's Executive Committee yesterday afternoon and shared that the state's joint legislature is putting forward Senate Bill 101, which includes some changes to the Governor's May Revision.
 - The legislature has rejected the Governor's proposal to cap overtime hours for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers.
 - They also modified the Governor's Medi-Cal enrollment freeze proposal, specifically there is no "age out."
 - The legislature modified the proposal to establish Medi-Cal premiums for unsatisfactory immigration status (UIS – those individuals who are not documented) by lowering the Governor's proposal from \$100 per month to \$30 per month.
 - They agreed with the Governor's proposal to accelerate the end to service provider's hold harmless clauses to February 28, 2026.

- The legislature also rejected the pause for the direct support professionals (DSP) University contract through Sacramento State.
 - Lori noted that Alta continues to work with Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) on the DSP Collaborative.
- By law, the legislature has until June 15th to place an agreed upon bill on the Governor's desk.
 - Lori reminded everyone that no deal has been reached yet. She will share more information as it is released and encourages everyone to sign up for Marty Omoto's emails.
- The CAC requested that Alta's Client Advocates draft a Person-Centered Thinking Policy.
 - David, Reyva and Jacob reviewed highlights of the draft policy and explained that they crafted this policy around Alta's Mission and Vision statements.
 - Lisa W. will send this draft to everyone, and comments/suggestions can be forwarded back to her for consideration – due date is Monday, July 7th, the day prior to the next CAC meeting.

2. **Fire Preparedness**



- Hubert Enriquez, Alta's Emergency Response Coordinator, provided a presentation entitled "Emergency Preparedness & Fire Safety for Individuals with Disabilities."
- Unique challenges in fire emergencies include:
 - Sensory Overload
 - Communication Barriers
 - Mobility Limitations
 - Routine Dependence
- How you can stay safe in a fire emergency:
 - Use simple instructions and ask for help if you need it.
 - Manage loud noises and overwhelming spaces.
 - Stay close to people you trust and bring comfort items.
 - Use ways that help you communicate effectively.
 - Know your evacuation plan.
- Tailored Emergency Preparedness Strategies include:
 - Personalized Emergency Action Plans
 - Visual Aids & Communication
 - Regular Drills & Practice
 - Sensory Considerations
 - Build an Emergency Go-Kit
- Caregivers and support networks play an important role in emergency plans.

3. **Updates**



- ◆ PAN
 - The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 28th, from 4 to 6 p.m.
- ◆ Alta Board
 - Alta's Board met on May 29th.
 - The "Meeting Our Mission" segment highlighted the LIFE Program at Sierra College.
 - Alta recognized staff that have worked at the agency for five, ten, 15, 20 & 25 years.
 - The Board approved the Slate of Officers for the next fiscal year, two housing contracts, and the monthly financial report.
 - Lori provided a budget update.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
 - The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 20th, from 11 a.m. to noon.
- ◆ DDS-CAC
 - The group is meeting today and tomorrow, June 10th & 11th.
 - Today, they discussed Alta's new case management system, Atlas.
 - Tomorrow, they will be discussing conservatorship.

4. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- Karen and Amy L. were chosen to participate in the Special Olympics' Summer Games from June 27th to 29th, at Santa Clara University. They will both be participating in the Bocce Ball tournament.
- Mechelle, with the assistance of Amy L., will write the CAC article for Alta's next newsletter – due date is July 3rd.
- As noted on Alta's CAC 2025-26 fiscal year (FY) Meeting Schedule, the CAC will hold their November meeting on the 4th, since the 11th is a holiday.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 8, 2025**. The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales