

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Minutes

Present:

Amy Lampe, Chair
Tom Hopkins, Design. Dir.
Lisa Cooley
Jacie Oakley
Michelle Rewerts
Karen Young

Absent: (* excused)

Tiffany Johnson*
Steven Sanchez*
Kimberly Terrell*
Patty Wallace*

Visitors:

EunMi Cho
Robert Levy
Amanda Parker

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Staff:

Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client Services
Tracy Brown, Associate Client Services Director
John Decker, Director of Community Services
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
Johnny Xiong, Associate Client Services Director
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 2:02 p.m. to discuss: 1) Message from Lori; 2) New CAC Applicant; 3) Review Emergency Preparedness Communication Cards Discussion; 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 May 14, 2024, as submitted.

1. ***Message from Lori: Delivered by John Decker***



- By law, the legislature is required to have a budget agreement by June 15th. The Governor then needs to sign the budget by June 30th. We are still advocating for the implementation of the final service provider rate increase. John is hopeful that we will be able to discuss news on the budget soon.
- Stakeholder's applications are being accepted for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Master Plan Committee.
- Lori is requesting feedback on the training opportunities offered by Kelsey Hancock, with Disability Rights California.
 - Alta staff will contact Kelsey to schedule a "Voting Rights" training for an upcoming CAC meeting.

- At last month's meeting, Robin Black reviewed the training materials for Supported Decision-Making (SDM). We are still seeking volunteers to become trainers.
 - Mechelle Johnson noted that the trainers are meeting on Friday at 1:30 p.m. via Teams. Everyone is welcome to attend.
 - Amy Lampe volunteered.
- Yesterday, the Board approved three Financial Management Service (FMS) contracts, as well as a Generator Project, which will supply generators to 67 care homes and intermediate care facilities (ICFs).

2. ***New CAC Applicant***



- Amanda Parker has submitted her application to join the CAC and has attended several committee meetings. She is a self-advocate, and a member of California Autistic Self Advocates (CASA) and the Peer Advocacy Network.

M/S/C (Lisa Cooley) **To nominate Amanda Parker for membership to the CAC.**

3. ***Review Emergency Preparedness Communication Cards***



- As a follow-up to last month's discussion, Jacob noted that this committee's perspective is one of the most important in the process. He reviewed the draft cards again, seeking additional input.
 - Any additional suggestions can be emailed to Alta's Client Advocate team.

4. ***Updates***



- ◆ Peer Advocacy Network (PAN)
 - The next meeting is scheduled for July 9th, from 10 to 12 noon.
- ◆ Alta Board
 - The Board met on May 23rd:
 - They approved the Board's Slate of Officers for the 2024-25 fiscal year (FY), Alta's 2024 Performance Contract, and a Community Placement Plan (CPP) contract for an Enhanced Behavioral Supports Home (EBSH).
 - The group reviewed and approved the March 31st financial report.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
 - An in-person meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 27th, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the SpringHill Suites in Natomas, by the Sacramento International Airport.
- ◆ DDS-CAC
 - The group met this morning and will be meeting again tomorrow from 10 a.m. to noon. They are combing two projects and holding a contest to "Name that Project."

- The next meeting is scheduled for November.

5. **Public Comments/Announcement**



- Michelle shared that today is her last CAC meeting; she is resigning.
- Robert and Lisa C. reminded everyone about the 2024 Summer Institute on Neurodevelopmental Disabilities that is scheduled for Friday, July 19th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Sacramento. More details can be found on the UC Davis MIND Institute's website.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 9, 2024**. The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales