

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Minutes

Present:

Amy Lampe, Chair
Tom Hopkins, Design. Dir.
Tiffany Johnson
Jacie Oakley
Amanda Parker
Steven Sanchez
Kim Terrell

Absent: (* excused)

Lisa Cooley*
Patty Wallace
Karen Young

Visitors:

Robert Levy
Alexis Martinez
Daniel Perez
Michelle Rewerts

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 Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client Services
Reyva Johnson, Client Advocate
David Lopez, Client Advocate
Jacob Miller, Client Advocate
Ryan Patchin, Training Manager
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss: 1) Message from Lori; 2) Alta Website Update and Volunteers for Workgroups; 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 12, 2026, as submitted.

1. ***Message from Lori***



- Lori shared that when the Governor released the May Revision earlier this month, regional centers were bracing for potential cuts because California is facing a deficit; we knew something would have to be done to balance the budget. She is happy to report that our statewide service system is receiving additional funding for growth. This year, the Assembly and Senate have taken different stances on the proposals that are being pushed forward. Both are aligned with rejecting the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) asset limit (which is **unlikely** to affect clients served by Alta). Now, the Assembly and Senate will need to come together and try to resolve their differences. They have a required deadline of June 15th, next Monday, to submit a balanced budget to the Governor. Lori shared that

nothing in what the Assembly and Senate are proposing will affect the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS') budget. We remain hopeful. By June 30th, the Governor must sign a balanced budget into law. She will report back to everyone once she has more information.

2. **Alta Website Update and Volunteers for Workgroups:**

- Ryan reviewed the CAC's page on Alta's website and provided an overview of what we are proposing to add, which includes sections entitled "Get to Know the CAC", "Client Advocate Corner" and "Upcoming Events".
 - David shared that we could also include information about the local People First Chapters.
 - Ryan noted that we can add hyperlinks to other websites, as well.
 - Additional suggestions should be sent to Lisa W.
 - A request was made to use a larger font and add additional spacing between the lines on the CAC's page.
- In previous discussions, we talked about adding CAC member's bios (which should be one paragraph or less, without their personal information).
 - Before the July CAC meeting, Lori requested that each CAC member draft their bio and send it to Lisa W.
 - If you need assistance, please reach out to one of Alta's Client Advocates.
 - We will take individual pictures of CAC members at the July 14th meeting.
- The following workgroups have been established:
 - CAC Open House – the last CAC Open House was held in September 2023. Suggestion was made to hold the next one in October 2026.
 - Volunteers: Reyva Johnson (Chair), Tiffany Johnson, Amy Lampe, Robert Levy, Jacie Oakley & Amanda Parker
 - Videos of Disabilities – Alta has DDS funding to work with Futures Explored on different projects.
 - Volunteers: Jacob Miller (Chair) and Jennifer Bloom (Co-Chair), Amanda Parker, Daniel Perez, Steven Sanchez & Kim Terrell
 - Presentations – this group may choose to create a survey to find out what is most important to CAC members.
 - Volunteers: David Lopez (Chair), Tom Hopkins & Amy Lampe
 - Lisa W. will assist the workgroup Chairs in scheduling virtual meetings.
- John reminded CAC members of the positive impact of the CAC's housing video. It has been shown throughout our community at various events.

3. **Updates**

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- The next meeting will be held in July.



♦ Alta Board

- Alta's Board of Directors met on May 28th.
 - Alta recognized staff that have worked at the agency for five, 15, 20 and 25 years.
 - The Board approved the Slate of Officers for the next fiscal year (FY) and the financial report.
 - Lori provided an update on the state's May Revision, which was released on May 14th.
 - This was my last Board meeting as the CAC's designated representative to the Board.

♦ ARCA-CAC

- The group met in person on May 18th & 19th in Sacramento.

4. ***Public Comments/Announcement***



- The 2026 Summer Institute on Neurodevelopmental Disabilities will be held virtually on Friday, July 24th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Registration is now open. Interested individuals can find additional information on the MIND Institute's website.
- The Yuba/Sutter Special Olympics torch run was highlighted in the June 5th edition of the "Territorial Dispatch".

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 14, 2026**. The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales