

Alta California Regional Center  
Client Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, July 9, 2019  
Minutes

**Present:**

Kimberly Terrell, Chair  
Michelle Rewerts, Design. Dir.  
Lisa Cooley  
Tom Hopkins  
Michelle Hulse  
Tiffany Johnson  
Amy Lampe  
Steven Sanchez (via phone)  
Patty Wallace  
Karen Young

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk

**Visitors:**

Sonya Bingaman  
Brittany Blaylock  
Kidada Medina  
Jacie Oakley  
Amy Porter  
Anthony Stone  
Peggy Wakefield

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Romilda Jones  
Monique Lozano  
Austin Taylor

**Staff:**

Lori Banales, Director of Client Services  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, in the Brenda Smith Conference Room at Alta California Regional Center (Alta) to discuss: 1) New CAC Applicant; 2) Director's Report; 3) Updates; 4) SCDD; and 5) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

- *Lisa C. read aloud Alta's Mission & Vision*

**Without objection, Kimberly Terrell made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of June 11, 2019 as submitted.**

*\*change in agenda was noted*

**1. New CAC Applicant**



**Issue:** Committee needs to review a new CAC application.

**Discussion and Action:** Kimberly shared that Anthony Stone has submitted his application to join the CAC. He has attended the last several committee meetings. Anthony shared information about himself with those present.

**M/S/C** (Michelle Rewerts) **To nominate Anthony Stone for membership to the CAC.** (10 in favor)

**2. Director's Report**



- It's important to remember that everyone should be treated with dignity and respect. Lori asked if anyone can share what Alta's Vision means to them.
  - The Self-Determination Program (SDP).

- The CalFresh Initiative – Alta is aware that this program was made available to regional center clients on June 1<sup>st</sup>. There are restrictions for this assistance program, but it is an additional resource that may assist our clients with purchasing food.
- Debbie Dillon will be contacting the individuals that have volunteered for the “Friends Helping Friends” project.
  - Lori will ask John Decker for an update, which will be shared with this committee.
- If anyone knows someone that might be interested in serving as an Alta Board member, please have them contact Lisa W.
- On behalf of Phil, Lori is pleased to announce that John Decker has been named Alta’s Director of Community Services as of August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 3. **Updates**

#### ◆ Peer Advocacy Network

- Amy shared that the group met today to discuss the next Regional Meeting which will be held in September.
  - The theme will be “Knowledge is Your Future”.
  - Presentations will include: “The Lanterman Act”, “IPP Rights and the Law”, “How to Get a Job”, and “SSI & Other Benefits”.
- Members signed an application to become employees of the Supported Life Institute (SLI) so that they can be paid for working at the Regional Meetings.
- The group will not be meeting in June or December of 2020.

#### ◆ Alta Board

- Michelle R. shared that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m.

### 4. **SCDD**

- Sonya Bingaman, the Sacramento Regional Manager of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), and Lisa C. shared a presentation about how SCDD promotes self-advocacy and leadership.

### 5. **Public Comments/Announcement**

- A new Caregiver’s Support Group plans to meet on the second and fourth Saturday of the month at 2:30 p.m.
- The Self-Determination Advisory Committee is meeting tomorrow morning from 10 a.m. to noon at Alta’s Sacramento office.
- The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) will be meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in North Highlands.
- Easter Seals’ Annual Talent Show will be held on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Hope Point Church in Yuba City.

- Michelle R. is in her first musical, "Mamma Mia!" The play runs from July 12<sup>th</sup> thru August 18<sup>th</sup>. You can buy tickets at the box office from noon to 2 p.m. or by visiting: [www.actingcompany.org](http://www.actingcompany.org).

The next CAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 10, 2019**, from 2 to 4 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Phil Bonnet