

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2025
Minutes

Present:

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

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

Robert Levy
Anne Osborne
Kevin Terrell
Deborah Young

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client Services
John Decker, Director of Community Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client Services
Reyva Johnson, Client Advocate
David Lopez, Client Advocate
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 2:02 p.m. to discuss: 1) Message from Lori; 2) CalABLE Presentation; 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 July 8, 2025, as submitted.

1. ***Message from Lori***



- Lori loves to attend these meetings and learn, from committee members' perspective, about things across Alta's catchment area.
- She is proud of the work that this committee did recently, working with Alta's Client Advocates to draft Person-Centered Thinking Policy, which was presented to the Board's Executive Committee yesterday for consideration. They voted to move it forward to the full Board for approval at the September 25th Board meeting. This policy will provide the framework to keep clients at the center of our agency's focus.
- Alta is hosting its 1st Annual Emergency Resource Fair on Thursday, September 25th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hubert Enriquez, Alta's Emergency Response Coordinator, planned this opportunity for clients and families to connect with local agencies and organizations and get prepared with tools, knowledge and support for emergencies.
- Alta's July newsletter was delayed until August because Lori wanted to include information about our agency's Open House, which was held on July 10th. It also included details from the state's budget for the 2025-26

fiscal year (FY) and the community outreaches that staff have participated in from the last quarter. Every other issue, we highlight the CAC and the work that this committee is doing. In this issue, we highlighted the CAC's participation in the development of Alta's Supported Decision-Making (SDM) training. Other highlights include Alta's Employees of the Month, participation at the Medicaid Rally at the State Capitol, the ribbon cutting ceremony at The Heights on Stockton, information on the Blue Envelope Program in Placer County, the Special Olympic Summer Games, the upcoming Supported Life Conference, and more.



2. **CalABLE Presentation**

- Anne Osborne, Deputy Executive Director of CalABLE, shared information about CalABLE, a tax-advantaged savings and investment program designed to help people with disabilities achieve their financial dreams.
 - She shared information on eligibility, savings and investing, qualified disability expenses (anything that helps with your health, independence or quality of life), opening an account, and resources.

3. **Updates**



- ◆ PAN
 - The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22nd, from 4 to 6 p.m.
 - The Regional Meeting will be held via Zoom on Saturday, September 27th, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ Alta Board
 - Alta's Board of Directors met on July 24th.
 - The Meeting Our Mission segment highlighted Forrest, a client who lives in a residential home and is also in the Self-Determination Program (SDP).
 - The Board approved the revised Board and committee meeting schedules for the current FY and a resolution for Dr. Peter Himer, a CalPERS retired annuitant.
 - Lori showed two short videos of Alta's Open House and a ribbon cutting ceremony from The Heights on Stockton, a multifamily housing project, which has set asides for Alta clients.
 - Reyva Johnson shared a presentation on Alta's People Planning Together initiative.
 - John Decker provided a transportation update.
- ◆ ARCA-CAC
 - The group met last Friday, and the next meeting will be held later this month (TBD).

♦ DDS-CAC (LEAG)

- The newly renamed committee, the Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG) is holding a "Meet & Greet" via Zoom on Wednesday, September 24th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

- No comments/announcements were shared.



The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 14, 2025**.
The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales