

South Central Los Angeles Regional Center (SCLARC)

Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC)

Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2018

Members in Attendance

Ascary Navarro
Marcus Forte
Glenn Jackson
Alan McDowellWesley Witherspoon
Dorrie Woods (vendor)
Sofia Cervantes SCDD Los Angeles office
Desiree Boykin (C. A)

Others Attending

Ebony Montgomery (E.S) (absent)
Sarah Salcenda (C.R.S) (absent)
Daniel Oduore(vendor)

Members Absent

Alyssa Jackson
Antwan Jones
Rocky Hernandez
Dylan Johnson

1. Call to order

Ascary Navarro (CAC secretary) called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

- a. Everyone introduced themselves for this meeting
- b. The April minutes and agenda was approved
- c. The ground rules were read by Desiree

2. Topic: Voting

- a. The topic for this month meeting about voting as our guest speaker Wesley Witherspoon from USC Children's Hospital discussed the importance of registering to vote, educating ourselves about our candidates, picking parties that can align to our ideologies
- b. We can also have access to absent-tee ballot if we want to vote via mail. We can also be accommodated whenever we go to our voting poll location.
- c. We have three times we can vote: local, state, national as we can decide who we want to pick foras President, Governor, and Mayor. You also have to listen to the issues they are stating. Talk to your legislators to learn about the candidate's issues.
- d. Whenever we vote we can also vote for measures that are coming up that may affect us as citizens.
- e. Also when we vote we also have to pick people are going for a certain office in both Education, Police Force, and many more.
- f. You have to be 18 or older, U.S Citizen, and a California Citizen in order to register to vote.
- g. The register date was May 21, 2018 in the upcoming by either in person via registration form. May 29, 2018 waslast day youcan request to vote bymail ballot.
- h. Our voices are important as we have the right to vote for what is yet to come and voice our issues in gun control, housing, education, taxes, transportation and crime because these issues and picking the correct candidate according to our ideas will help us.
- i. There are many political parties as there are two well known parties: Democrat, Republican but we also have Libertarian, Peace and Freedom, Green, and American Independent.
- j. You have the right to vote it matters it doesn't matter what political party you choose you are as long as you register to vote.
- k. President, Congress, and Supreme Court are responsible for foreign policy, social security, immigration policy, and veterans affairs as they are a part of the federal government
- l. Our cities and national parks are part of the federal government.

- m. Our state has our governor and legislators as they are responsible for our universities that are state-run, DMV, DDS which is charge of the regional centers, GR, Cal Fresh, Department of Rehab, water conservation and so many more.
- n. If you can't vote in English you can also register in your own language whether it is in Spanish, Tagalog, Korean, and many more.
- o. You can register if you changed your name, address, or political party.
- p. The Voter Bill of Rights is also as it states why our voice matters in terms of voting and preventing any intimidation or fraud.
- q. If you want to learn more look at these websites www.easyvoter.org, www.smartvoter.org, www.sos.ca.gov if you want to know before voting
On Election Day voting hours are from 7:00am-8:00pm

3. Old Business

- a. In the month of April, Desiree talks about reinitiating the best buddies program in the fall of this year. The program serves as a way for buddies and consumers to get to know each other. In collaboration with USC the program will create activities as well. More information will be served once the fall semester begins.
 - b. People First Conference June 1- 3, 2018. Ascary Navarro presented on the topic Do's and Don't of Working. Desiree Boykin was on a panel called Meet the Advocates.
 - c. We also handed out gift cards based on the numbers we do it every month you have a chance at winning something
- d. We had the meeting on an earlier date because of Memorial Day.

4. Announcement

- a. The next CAC meeting will be June 25, 2018 from 10:00 am- 12pm

5. End of the meeting

- a. The meeting was adjourned by Marcus Forte (CAC Vice President) at 11:18am.