

**South Central Los Angeles Regional Center Advocates Advisory Committee**

**October 23, 2023**

**AAC Meeting Minutes**

**Members in Attendance**

Renard Stanford

Sean Davison

Arkita Jackson

Atayvia Roberts

Santiago Villalobos

Linda Butler (WRC)

Esther Kelsey (WRC)

**Others Attending**

Desiree Boykin (Advocate)

Nowana Buchanan (Advocate Specialist)

**Members Absent**

Juan Zuniga

Darnell Hayes

Andrew Richards

Raul Munoz

Ana Torres

Todd Rubein (WRC)

## **1. Call Meeting to Order**

- a. Renard Stanford (AAC Treasurer) called the meeting to order at 10:05 am
- b. Everyone introduced himself or herself at this meeting.
- c. AAC members approved the minutes for September and October agenda.
- d. The Ground rules were read by our AAC Treasurer Renard Stanford
- e. The AAC Bylaws were read by Advocate Desiree Boykin

## **2. Self- Determination**

- a. Santiago Villalobos has been receiving services from SCLARC all his life. Santiago decided that the Self-Determination program was the right choice to improve his life.
- b. He saw the Instagram posting about the program in 2020. Santiago then went to orientation about the Self-determination program via zoom.
- c. Santiago has been a part of Self- Determination for 3 years. He informed the AAC members his concerned to have an Independent Facilitator and Fiscal Management Services to provide support has you begin Self- Determination
- d. He likes to be in control of all his services. He still meets with his Service Coordinator for his quarterly or annual meeting.
- e. Since he's in the Self- Determination program, the services have helped him find a job that he enjoys.
- f. Santiago uses Uber transportation to get to different places he wants to visit. Santiago uses the Self Determination to go Self- Advocacy Conferences
- g. He likes the freedom the self-determination program provides him, something he wanted all his life.

### 3. **Old Business**

- a. Mr. Raul Munoz Board member at SCLARC spoke on the topic of Self- love.
- b. What is Self- love loving yourself who you are as you are.
- c. Being comfortable in your skin.
- d. Health Self- esteem. Positive outlook.

### 4. **Announcements**

- a. USC Best Buddies October 26, 2023 6pm- 7pm USC campus
- b. SCLARC will be hosting a job fair for individuals on November 6, 2023 from 10am- 12pm SCLARC building.
- c. Our next AAC meeting November 20, 2023 from 10:00am-12 pm SCLARC office

### 5. **End of the meeting**

Renard Stanford (AAC Treasurer) adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am.

Thank you for your support.

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