South Central Los Angeles Regional Center (SCLARC)

Advocates Advisory Committee (AAC)

April 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance

Caycee Rickketts Ascary Navarro Anna Torres Alan Mc Dowell Atayvia Roberts Alan Mc Dowell

> **Dora Trotter** Sean Davison

Others Attending

Desiree Boykin (Advocate) Kimberly Rodgers (Advocate Specialists) Joe Conti Guest Speaker Lfyt Wave Program April Dick Guest Speaker Lfyt Wave Program

Members Absent

Diedre Coleman Agustin Velasquez **Dominic Martinez** Jose Ortega Keisha Humphrey Kenya Richardson Briana Taylor Cristian Oleta Diana Salazar

Devon Hewett

Genesis Cordenozo

Gabriela Morales

Katherine Sandoval

Jose Ayla

Andrew Richards

Jenny Rivera

John Meldra-

Jorge Pandoro

Lionel Balderama

Maritza Orozco

Maiy Nicrie

Mayra Canales

Morris Taylor

Rosendo Martinez

Sharday Jackson Tabbitha Lopez Towwaniquecka Vannardo Glenn Jackson Gilbert Williams Jacquelyn Garner James Johnson Jonathan Angel Lanetia K. Peterson Mayra Canales Marleny Zanbrano **Renard Stanford** Richard Addison Shahman Hoffman- Price Lee Price Steven Overville

1. Call to order

David Weeks

- a. Caycee Ricketts (AAC President) called the meeting to order at 10:00 am
- b. Everyone introduced themselves for this meeting
- c. The Agenda and Minutes was approved by AAC members.
- d. The Ground rules were read by Dora Trotter (Sgt- At- Arms)

2. Topic:Lfyt

- a. Our guest speakers are Joe Conti and April Dick from Lyft as they discuss the WAY Program and how it helps us as self-advocates know that we can get access to transportation.
- b. The WAY program is a pilot program that has started in July 2019
- c. It is partnered with First Transit which is a recognized paratransit provider
- d. Within the pilot program they use the data on how to modify, extend, or expand the program
- e. It is available in Los Angeles and San Francisco counties.
- f. The operating hours are from 7:00am-12:00am
- g. The cost is the same just like a regular Lyft ride. Also the rides are disinfected
- h. The drivers are employed through First Transit as they go through background checks, must be trained in CPR and customer service training
- I. The cars are 2019 Dodge Caravan and Toyota Sierra minivans
- j. Wheelchair access is available, ambulatory rides at full capacity, up to 4 people, and service animals are allowed.
- k. Download the Lyft app, register/ set up your account and debit card, and enable access mode

 Old Business
- a. In the month of March we discussed conflict resolution with our President Caycee Ricketts as we try to handle situations that we are dealing with and try to resolve them as a group

b. We will be using Zoom as a means of communications where we will have meetings until SCLARC reopens

4. Announcements

- a. Events will be cancelled until further notice
- b. We also have AAC Fun Chat Monday and Thursday at 3:00pm where we all learn from each other, as well as talk with speakers, enjoy just knowing from each other while sharing moments together even when practicing social distancing

5. End of the meeting

a. Caycee Ricketts (AAC President) adjourned the meeting at 11:00am

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