

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

**February 27, 2023**

**AAC Meeting Minutes**

**Members in Attendance**

Renard Stanford

Sean Davison

Ana Torres  
Darnell Hayes

Atayvia Roberts

Lee Price

Xan Blackwell

Santiago Villalobos

Todd Rubien (WRC)

Linda Butler (WRC)

Alex Phuong (ELARC)

**Members Absent**

Caycee Ricketts

Macedonia Mendoza

Jacqueline Williams

Raul Munoz

Andrew Richards

Carol Erby

Jordan Fienstock (NLARC)

Suzanne Paggi (NLARC)

**Others Attending**

Desiree Boykin (Advocate)

Nowana Buchanan (Advocate Specialist)

Charles Sailor Merrill Lynch

### 1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Renard Stanford (AAC Treasurer) called the meeting to order at 10:10 am
- b. Everyone introduced themselves for this meeting.
- c. ACC members approved the minutes for January and February agenda was approved
- d. The Ground rules were read by our AAC Treasurer Renard Stanford
- e. The AAC Bylaws were read Desiree Boykin

### 2. Finances

- a. Mr. Charles Sailor was the guest speaker from Merrill Lynch. Mr. Sailor presented a powerpoint encouraging us to write our goals down. When it comes to budgeting 62 percent are most likely to achieve their goals by writing them down.
- b. To clearly define your goals, Why does it matter? What do I want to achieve? How much money will you need? What kind of actions do you need to take regarding your finances?
- c. Reviewing what your needs and goals are
- d. Understand what is good credit, borrowing money and promising to repay in the future
- e. Why is credit important and having a history of paying your debt back on time
- f. What is nontraditional credit such as rent, cell phone and utilities
- g. Two ways of paying debt off, Avalanche method pay the highest interest rate first to the lowest interest rate
- h. Snowball method by paying off and focusing on the highest balances to the lowest balances.
- i. To invest in a 401k with your job, no matter the amount just invest something
- j. To have short term and long term goals if you want to plan an annual trip or future trips throughout the year.
- k. Try and have an emergency fund for unexpected times or situation.

### 3. Old Business

- a. SCLARC is having a new internship program through CID, its 18-month program ending in 2024. That will give individuals work experience.
- b. Topics AAC members would like to have for this year How to keep a job, How to deal with unemployment, Relationships, Transportation, Sensitivity Training, and EEV

c. Recreational topics going to the park, Fitness, exercise

4. **Announcements**

a. Our next AAC meeting March 27, 2023, from 10:00 am-12 pm

b. Fashion show in April 2, 2023

c. The AAC meeting will be meeting in person in the spring.

d. Stay safe and stay healthy

5. **End of the meeting**

Renard Stanford (AAC Treasurer) adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.

Thank you for your support

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