

South Central Los Angeles Regional Center (SCLARC)

Advocates Advisory Committee (AAC)

July 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance

Caycee Ricketts
Ascary Navarro
Anna Torres
Alan Mc Dowell
Atayvia Roberts
Alan Mc Dowell
Dora Trotter
Sean Davison
Raul Munoz
Joey Juarez
Renard Standford

Others Attending

Desiree Boykin (Advocate)
Kimberly Rodgers(Advocate Specialists)
Naomi Hagel Program Manager
Lynn Weaks
Mara Giannini
Linda Butler
Esther Kelsey
Joseph Allen
Alyssa Jackson
Special Olympics Athletes 20 people

Members Absent

Diedre Coleman
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
Glenn Jackson
Gilbert Williams

1. Call to order

- a. Caycee Ricketts (AAC President) called the meeting to order at 10:10 am
- b. Everyone introduced themselves for this meeting
- c. I (Ascary Navarro, AAC Secretary) read the agenda and was approved
- d. The Ground Rules were read by Caycee and Desiree Boykin (Consumer Advocate)
- e. We use Zoom as a means to communicate with each other and also hold our meetings during this outbreak.

Topic:Self- DeterminatProgram

Today speaker and Program Manager Naomi Hagel talks about the self-determination program and what it consists of.

- b. Self-determination is a program where you as a client decide what services do you need in order to achieve any personal or professional goals.
- c. This program requires person-centered planning in which you decide the services and pay for the services under a budget which requires one to use in a responsible manner
- d. There are five principles: Freedom, Authority, Support, Responsibility, and Confirmation
- e. It is flexible as you can hire services directly as well as tailor them to your own needs, as the services do support full access to your community
- f. Even though it took a lot to get general funding approved as it is passed in 2013
- g. It is opened to 2500 people at the moment but in the next three years everyone can apply
- h. It's all about what you want and need to get ahead. if you want more information contact Ms. Hagel via email at naomih@sclarc.org or selfdetermination@sclarc.org or via Phone at: (323) 998-9519 for any questions and info in regards to self-determination.

3. Old Business

- a. Speaker Deaka McClain who is the DDS CAC President talks about the importance of the board.
- b. The full for DDS is the Department of Developmental Services Consumer Advisory Committee.
- c. It provides advice in regards to policies, legislation, and regulations that affect the lives of consumers in California
- d. It is made up from 15 members all across California
- e. It meets 4 times a year in Sacramento or by video/ Conference call
- f. Members share their information with local self-advocacy organizations in their communities, and bring back their updates for the AAC
- g. The cost of transportation, hotel, meals, and facilitators are paid by the Department
- h. If you want more information you contact Ms. McClain via email: dpoliticiain@yahoo.com

4. Announcements

- a. Events will be canceled until further notice
- b. We also have AAC Fun Chat Monday and Wednesday 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. Also on Friday we do the AAC Wellness Chat where we discuss about our personal updates its at 11:00am
- c. Our next meeting is on August 24th from 10:00am-12:00pm via Zoom
- d. The essay related to “Americans with Disabilities Act” is over and we would like to congratulate Raul for 1st Place, I (Ascary) at 2nd Place, and Atayvia at 3rd Place. Congratulations
- e. On July 26 it marks 30 years since the “Americans with Disabilities Act” has passed as it marks our independence and the right to have a job, go out to many places, have an education, and many more. We still have a long way to go
- f. This meeting is also dedicated to the memory of David Weakas as family and friends share their moments with him. We will truly miss David and his presence.

5. End of the meeting

- a. Renard Standford (AAC Treasurer) adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm

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