

South Central Los Angeles Regional Center Advocates Advisory Committee

June 27, 2022

AAC Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance

Caycee Ricketts
Dora Trotter
Renard Stanford
Ana Torres
Atayvia Roberts
Carol Erby
Sean Davison
Linda Butler (WRC)
Wesley Witherspoon (WRC)
Todd Rubien(WRC)

Others Attending

Desiree Boykin (Advocate)
Kimberly Rodgers (Advocate Specialists)
Jimmy Flores Access (Operations Service Monitor)
Krisy DeHaro Access (Operations Service Monitor)

Members Absent

Alan McDowell
Raul Munoz
Atayvia Roberts
Andrew Sanchez
David Zaldivar
Kecia Weller (WRC)
Ascary Navarro
Elizabeth Hedenberg (WRC)
Alex Phoung (ELARC)
Suzanne Paggi (NLARC)
Rene Henderson (ARC)
Esther Kelsey (WRC)

1. Call meeting to Order

- a. Caycee Ricketts (AAC President) called the meeting to order at 10:00 am
- b. Everyone introduced themselves for this meeting
- c. ACC members approved both the agenda June and the meeting minutes for the May
- d. The Purpose of the AAC was said and stated by our AAC President Ms. Caycee Ricketts. The Ground Rules were read by our AAC Treasurer Renard Stanford
- e. DDS CAC report Ms. Caycee Ricketts for May 2022
 1. Equality Cultural
 2. Individual / Family Satisfaction with Regional Centers.
 3. Self- Determination
 4. Fair Hearing list
- f. ARCA CAC members we were encourage to call , email and write later to Governor Newsom about the budget revised. Members gave their reports. We decided to a video for Housing.
- g. We are using Zoom as a means to communicate with one another and also hold our meetings during this time

2. Topic: Access

- a. Access services Mr. Jimmy Flores and Kristy DeHuro came to answer the AAC member's questions
- b. Access drivers don't provide snacks our allowed only for medical reasons for riders of Access drivers
- c. Access fair won't have any increase
- d. It's recommendation if you need a PCA if you're need for ASL to have them with you when riding Access.
- e. The renewal is over the phone.
- f. The mask our required Access services drivers have mask ad encourage all passengers
- g. They still monitoring no shows and cancellations.
- h. Access riders will be sharing like before Precovid-19 everyone is wearing a mask

3. Old Business

a. Mrs. Nicole Patterson from DDS talked about dating and marriage. Nicole has dated individuals who are disabled. She has been married for 15 years and has a teenage daughter.

b. Mrs. Patterson asked the AAC members about their status if they would like to share if they are in a relationship or desire to be in a relationship. Majority of the Self-advocates responded, some were in a relationship. Some self-advocates were single and only looking for friendship.

c. Mrs. Patterson advised to know your non-negotiables and what you are willing to give. She said it's the era of 2022, and it is ok for a woman to ask a man out.

In the matter of who pays for the date, in Mrs. Patterson's opinion, whoever asks the person out on the date should pay for the date.

d. Pay attention to Red flags, when you see them, you should avoid them.

e. Abuse is never okay, please call your local Regional Center.

f. The first date should be fun, no pressure, just talk and get to know your date. Try not to overshare information.

g. Nicole and her husband David share the same core values. They both believe that it is helpful to go to counseling before the getting married is great. It works if both parties are willing to try.

h. Do a background check before you are engaged.

i. It does not matter who makes the most money in the relationship.

j. Try to make sure it is 50/50 with both parties getting what they need. No relationship should be one-sided.

k. It is ok to put yourself out there and date when you are ready.

4. Announcements

a. Our next meeting is July 25, 2022 from 10:00am-12pm on Zoom

b. Stay safe and stay healthy

c. AAC members had a fun time at Wake Me Up When I'm Free Exhibit . They will be planning the next social outing in the future

d. ARCA meeting for Social Recreation June 28, 2022

5. End of the meeting

a. Renard Stanford (AAC Treasurer) adjourned the meeting at 11: 00am. Thank you for your support

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