

**South Central Los Angeles Regional Center Advocates Advisory Committee August 23, 2021 AAC Meeting Minutes**

**Members in Attendance**

Caycee Ricketts  
Ascary Navarro  
Renard Standford  
Atayvia Roberts  
Dora Trotter  
Ana Torres

**Others Attending**

Desiree Boykin (Advocate)  
Kimberly Rodgers(Advocate Specialists)  
Adriana Madrigal (WRC)  
Todd Rubein (WRC)  
Alyssa Jackson (WRC)

**Members Absent**

Sean Davison  
Alan Mc Dowell  
Marcus Forte  
Raul Munoz  
Penelope Rodriguez  
Carol Erby

### **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. AAC members approved September agenda and August AAC minutes
- d. The Purpose of AAC said by Advocate Desiree Boykin
- e. The AAC Ground Rules read by AAC Treasurer Renard Stanford

We are using Zoom as a means to communicate with one another and also hold our meetings during this time.

### **2. Topic: Anniversary of the Advocates Advisory Committee**

- a. All of us members of the Advocate Advisory Committee (AAC) talked about what being in the AAC means to them
- b. Desiree spoke about the history and the purpose of the Advocate Advisory Committee
- c. Starting in 2008, the AAC is a means to know the importance of advocating for oneself as well as be in a space where one can know their rights and learn about being independent as well as being our own voice
- d. Today we celebrate the Anniversary of the AAC where we continue to grow and evolve as well as know the importance of self-advocacy as well as be a safe space for all.

### **3. Old Business**

- a. In the month of July, speaker Naomi Hagel talked about Self-Determination. Self-Determination is all about deciding what you want and what you need in order to succeed. She discusses about Person Centered Planning where you decide what services you want and need and Financial Management Services (FMS) as you budget what services you want to use and spend as the Regional Center provides support. You don't need to use vendors as you can use your own providers as it's all about what you want as you make the choice yourself. In regards to services they are COVID-19 friendly and it is safe for those who use services. It's all about selecting your own services. For any further information or if you have any questions, thoughts, and concerns you can email her NaomiH@sclarc.org or (323) 998-9519 to contact her.

### **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 about relevant topics and the things we like. As well as communicating with one another.
- c. WRC CAC meets at the park contact Linda Butler
- d. Our next meeting is on 9/27 from 10:00am-12:00pm on Zoom
- e. Stay safe and healthy

### **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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