

South Central Los Angeles Regional Center (SCLARC)

Advocates Advisory Committee (AAC)

August 24, 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
Carol Erby

Others Attending

Desiree Boykin (Advocate)
Kimberly Rodgers(Advocate Specialists)
Wesley Witherspoon Advocate CH USC
Linda Butler (Client Advocate) WRC

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

Caycee Ricketts (AAC President) called the meeting to order at 10:20 am

Everyone introduced themselves for this meeting

- a. I (Ascary Navarro, AAC Secretary) approved both agenda and the meeting minutes
- b. The Ground Rules were read by Caycee and Desiree Boykin (Consumer Advocate)
- c. We use Zoom as a means to communicate with each other and also hold our meetings during this outbreak.

1. Topic: Voting

- a. Today's speaker Wesley Witherspoon discusses the importance of voting
- b. Voting is a right for everyone as we decide for who want to run for office and which laws and propositions can be allowed
- c. We can vote either in-person, by mail, or through drive-thru voting depending on what you decide.
- d. If you have a disability you can always ask for accommodations so you can vote easier.
- e. Though they can't vote for you but just make it easier for you to vote.
- f. Your voice does matter especially at the period we are living in
- h. Also did you know there are electronic voting polls where you can vote easier without all the hassle
- i. As elections are coming up on November 3, it's important to know your voter status on <https://www.lavote.net/vrstatus>.
- j. To register to vote you must be a US Citizen and a resident of California and be 18 years or older.
- k. You can also volunteer as well, and for more additional info to know your rights as a disabled voter is <https://disabilityvoteca.org/>

4. Old Business

- a. In the month of July, Program Manager Naomi Hagel talks about self-determination. 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. 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. There are five principles: Freedom, Authority, Support, Responsibility, and Confirmation. 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. Even though it took a lot to get general funding approved as it was passed in 2013. It is open to 2500 people at the moment but in the next three years everyone can apply. 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. Last month's meeting is also dedicated to the memory of David Weaks we will truly miss David and his presence and impact.

5. 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 12:00pm
- c. Our next meeting is on September 28th from 10:00am-12:00pm via Zoom
- d. There is also another essay contest in regards to the importance of Jobs, please send them to Desiree before the deadline hits, as soon as possible

6.. End of the meeting

- a. (AAC President) adjourned the meeting at 12pm

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