

South Central Los Angeles Regional Center Advocates Advisory Committee

July 24, 2023

AAC Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance

Renard Stanford

Sean Davison

Darnell Hayes

Atrika Jackson

Atayvia Roberts

Santiago Villalobos

Andrew Richards

Juan Zuniga

Linda Butler (WRC)

Esther Kelsey (WRC)

Todd Rubein (WRC)

Others Attending

Desiree Boykin (Advocate)

Nowana Buchanan (Advocate Specialist)

Members Absent

Caycee Ricketts

Ana Torres

Raul Munoz

1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Renard Stanford (AAC Treasurer) called the meeting to order at 10:15 am
- b. Everyone introduced himself or herself at this meeting.
- c. AAC members approved the minutes for June and July agenda.
- d. The Ground rules were read by our AAC Treasurer Renard Stanford
- e. The AAC Bylaws were read by Advocate Desiree Boykin

2. History of Regional Centers

- a. In the 1880's to 1960s the growth increased for children being born with developmental disabilities.
- b. In the late 1880's to the 1960's the developmental center was the option. The care used California trying to figure out how to provide care for children and adults with disabilities.
- c. Parents were advised to put their children in institutions or to be their sole caregiver. No social system in place. Children with disabilities weren't allowed to receive a public education.
- d. In the 1960's that changed with President Robert F. Kennedy sister have an intellectual disabilities

3. History of Regional centers

- a. In California Parents, an report from the OC visit institution once they saw the conditions . Parents started advocating to lobby Assemblymember Franklin D. Lanterman.
- b. In 1966 two pilot regional center was created once in Los Angeles and other in San Francisco.
- c. In 1968 two pilot regional centers were successful. The Parents went back to Assemblymember Franklin D. Lanterman expand to expanding the regional centers center A225 the total of 21 regional centers.
- d. In 1973 Regional Centers also included autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy children and adults can apply.
- e. California only state has that regional center services for children and adults with a developmental disability.

4. Old Business

- a AAC Treasurer Renard Stanford presentation was about Holidays and Special Occasions
- b. He first started with Special Occasions, he asked all advocates which birthday was their favorite.
- c. Advocates spoke about their memorable birthdays, when they were kids, teenagers, younger adults, and older.
- d. AAC Treasurer Renard Stanford presented the next topic on Holidays, New Year's, Valentine's Day
- e. Juneteenth, 4th of July, Halloween Thanksgiving and Christmas
- f. Treasurer Stanford gave us a history of certain holidays.
- g. AAC members talked about which favorites they enjoy spending time with their family.

5. Announcements

- a. Our next AAC meeting August 28, 2023, from 10:00 am-12 pm SCLARC office
- b. WRC CAC will be giving the AAC members the August calendar soon.
- c. AAC members want to visit their Self- Advocacy groups meeting next month
- d. AAC members wish the advocates born June, July and August Happy Birthday.

6. End of the meeting

Renard Stanford (AAC Treasurer) adjourned the meeting at 12:09 pm.

Thank you for your support.

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