

**South Central Los Angeles Regional Center Advocates Advisory Committee March 28, 2022**

**AAC Meeting Minutes**

**Members in Attendance**

Renard Stanford  
Dora Trotter  
Ana Torres  
Alan Mc Dowell  
Suzanne Paggi (NLARC)  
Alyssa Jackson (WRC)  
Linda Butler (WRC)  
Esther Kelsey (WRC)  
Wesley Witherspoon (WRC)  
Todd Rubien(WRC)  
Alex Phoung (ELARC)  
Elizabeth Hedenberg (WRC)

**Others Attending**

Desiree Boykin (Advocate)  
Kimberly Rodgers (Advocate Specialists)  
Luis Garcia Service Coordinator

**Members Absent**

Caycee Ricketts  
Penelope Rodriguez  
Dominique Young  
Raul Munoz  
Atayvia Roberts  
Sean Davison  
Carol Erby  
Kecia Weller (WRC)  
Ascary Navarro

## **1. Call to order**

- a. Renard Stanford (AAC President) called the meeting to order at 10:05 am
- b. Everyone introduced themselves for this meeting
- c. ACC members approved both the March agenda and the meeting minutes for the month of February
- d. The Purpose of the AAC was said stated by our AAC Treasurer Renard Stanford. The Ground Rules were read by our AAC Treasurer Renard Stanford
- e. Self- Advocates express what Developmental Disabilities Awareness month means to them.
- f. We are using Zoom as a means to communicate with one another and also hold our meetings during this time

## **2. Topic: Being Safe In The Community**

- a. Mr. Wesley Witherspoon is the Consumer Advocate at USC Children's Hospital. He gave us a presentation on being safe community.
- b. Mr. Witherspoon explain How to safe in the community in using public transportation
- c. Mr. Witherspoon How do I stay safe when I take the bus? (How many of you take the bus?) {What do you do to keep safe when taking the bus?"
- d. Plan and use safest, most direct route to your destination.
- e. Wait for buses at bus stops that are well-lit and have a lot people waiting.
- f. Do not wait alone at bus stops, train stations, or taxicab stands. If you have to wait alone, make sure you have a flashlight & whistle with you. When you take a bus, try to sit near the bus driver.
- g. When you get off the bus, look at the people that are getting off with you.
- h. Make sure that you are not being followed once you get off the bus.
- i. If you think you are being followed walk into the first public place you see.

- j. Make sure that before you go out somewhere you tell someone you trust three things:
- l. Tell them where you are going.
- m. Tell them who you are going with.
- n. Tell them what time you expect to be back home.
- o. If you are going to be late coming home, call the person you trust and let them know how late you will be.

## **2b. Being Safe in the Community**

- a. Mr. Witherspoon also talk about walking in the community
- b. Walk around in areas you know. Don't carry too much money or wear expensive things. Travel in a group. Don't stare at anyone.
- c. Mr. Witherspoon also mention the importance of You want to let others know where you are because everything can happen. Some people who don't tell people where they are going disappear, never to be heard from again. You tell your family, friends, roommates, or neighbors where you are going.
- d. AAC members gave the stories on be safe in the community. Mr. Witherspoon ask all questions AAC members had.

## **3. Old business**

- a. Ms. Tami Summerville is the Interim Fair Hearing at Manager at SCLARC she advises individuals on legal concerns and resolves issues. She showed videos of Conservatorship means.
- b. Ms. Summerville explain what Conservatorship is the appointment of a guardian or protector by judge to manage the financial affairs and or daily life of another person due to old age or physical or mental limitations.
- c. Ms. Summerville also explain that paper work must be filled out correctly for conservatorship . She explain the different types of conservatorship General Probate Conservatorship, Lanterman Petris Short Act and Limited Conservatorship.
- d. Ms. Summerville when over the 7 Powers

1. Fix the conservatee's residence or dwelling
2. Access the conservatee's confidential records or paper
3. Consent or withhold consent to marriage on behalf of the conservatee
4. Enter into contracts on behalf of the conservatee
5. Give or withhold medical consent on behalf of the conservatee
6. Select the conservatee's social and sexual contacts and relationships
7. Make decisions to educate the conservatee

e. Ms. Sumerville gave example of when Conservatorship would have help a individual served will going to dentist appointment. She explain is the individual had conservatorship she would have to paid the higher dentist rate.

f. Ms. Sumerville answered all questions Self- Advocates at about Conservatorship.

#### **4. Announcements**

- a. Our next meeting is April 25, 2022 from 10:00am-12pm on zoom
- b. Best Buddies will be April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- dc. Stay safe and stay healthy

#### **5. End of the meeting**

- a. Renard Stanford (AAC Treasurer) adjourned the meeting at 11: 26 am. Thank you for your support

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