

South Central Los Angeles Regional Center (SCLARC)

Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC)

September 23 2019 Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance

Caycee Ricketts
Marcus Forte
Ascary Navarro
DeBuior Bailey
Morris Taylor
Anthony Chuc
Andres Jimenez
Andrew Richards
Marybed Barrera
Agustin Velasquez
Atayvia Roberts
Diedre Coleman
Efrain Luna
Glenn Jackson
Alan Mc Dowell
Alfonso Vega
Eva Cleveland
Shanika Woods

Members Absent

Mirna Rodriguez
Antwan Jones
Jesse Warford
Angelica Alvarado
Christina Tubbs
Josue Escareno
Manuel Marquez
Nona Williams
Jacquelyn Garner
Jacqueline Bailey
Shanna Trank
Awantae Alexander
Dylan Johnson
Andre Smith
Michael Hunter
Jamark Jackson
Agustin Velasquez

Others Attending

Desiree Boykin (CA)
Kimberly Rodgers (CSA)
Chris Soto (CS)
Ebony Montgomery (ES)
Guadalupe Barrera parent
Daniel O (vendor)
Miriam R (vendor)
Olga Rama (Best Buddies)
Kiara Lopez (SC)

Renard Stanford
Frank Suzukawa
Chekesha Washington
Laurie Serna
Yesenia Centraera
Hezekiah Powell
Jeniffer Lopez
Jonathan Rangel
Renee Thomas

1. Call to order

Caycee Ricketts (CAC President) called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

- a. Everyone introduced themselves for this meeting
- b. The agenda for today was approved
- c. CAC members approved August 2019 meeting minutes
- d. Purpose of the CAC/ The Ground rules were read by Desiree and Caycee

2. Topic: Employment Services/Cal/Fresh

- a. We discussed with employment specialist Ebony Montgomery as she discusses with us the importance of having a job.
- b. There are programs and laws that help such as Employment First and Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act which help seek employment in our field of choice as well as make sure that we have a right to have a job but also be a part of the community that surrounds us
- c. There are different types of employment Internships, Integrated Employment, Customized Employment, and Micro-enterprise in which one can work in a community or have their own business.
- d. We have the same right to work at a job that pays us minimum wage or more, in a place where people who do or do not have disabilities work together by opening to raises and promotions as well as empowering ourselves to depend on ourselves
- e. Before we discussed our topic Early Start Outreach Service Coordinator Kiera Lopez talked with us about CalFresh (formerly Food Stamps) and the importance to buy groceries and the application process to be apart of the program as well as gives us dates to apply to the program. We also have rights to sign up for this program too as it can help us eat healthy but use the money for things we need.

3. Old Business

- a. In the month of August as we had our guest Chris Soto our Cultural and Diversity Specialist discussed self-determination. The self-determination program began in 1998 in In the month of August as we had our guest Chris Soto our Cultural and Diversity Specialist discussed self-determination. The self-determination program began in 1998 in ELARC (East Los Angeles) as a polite program that in 2014 all 21 regional centers have a self-determination board that meets every month. The self-determination program is a voluntary program in which you decide to participate in terms of purchasing services that

you need. There are five principles (Freedom, Authority, Support, Responsibility, and Confirmation).

4. Announcements

a. Olga Rama from Best Buddies is here to inform us to join Best Buddies with USC to create incredible friendships with USC students one by one, job development, and inclusive living as they can meet once a month or weekly. On October 8th from 5:00-7:00pm Best Buddies will be having a Fall Meetup here at USC as there will be fun and treats.

b. On October 9-11 we will be attending the Supported Life Conference in Sacramento

c. On October 24, Fiesta Educativa will be having an Annual Statewide Conference here The California Endowment for more information the number is (323) 221- 6696 or www.fiestaeducativa.org.

d. Also, on October 18-20 there is the National TACA Autism Conference as it will discuss Job Skills, Employment, Transition IEP's, College, SSI, and more

e. On November 15 we will have movie night here at SCLARC as we will give more information

f. On the 28th of October we have the meeting from 10:00am-12:00pm, 4th Floor.

g. The CAC welcomes our new Consumer Advocate Specialist Kimberly Rodgers

5. End of the meeting

a. Marcus Forte (CAC Vice President) adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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