

# CAN Community Council Meeting Notes

Monday, February 14, 2022

Zoom Video Conference

**Present:** Kelly Crook, Nora Comstock, James May, Nancy Gilliam, Lydia Galvan, Donovan DePriest, Rachel Hampton, Lisa Boyd, Caroline Reynolds, Patricia Longoria

**Staff Present:** Jelina Tunstill, Raul Alvarez, Carlos Soto

**Guests:** Ara Merjanian, Jenzie Zane, Ariel Comstock

<b>Call to Order and Announcements</b>	Rachel called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. A quorum was present. Each member introduced themselves.
<b>Approval of January 24, 2022 Minutes</b>	The January 24, 2022 minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Nora and second by Donovan.
<b>CAN Community Council Chair's Report</b>	<p><b>Summary:</b> Rachel gave an overview of what CAN is and does and how the Community Council fits into the scope of CAN. This year CAN's focus is mental health and ensuring an equitable economic recovery. The role of the Community Council is to provide community input to the Board.</p> <p>Rachel stated that the Board met last Friday. She stated that she shared with the Board the direction of the Community Council for 2022. She announced that she is meeting with the CAN Board Chair, Tamara Atkinson, this week and will report back. She announced that CAN is increasing security measures and 2 Expanding Opportunity forums have happened since the last Community Council Meeting. She also stated that both her and Donovan presented the Food Insecurity Workgroup Report and that the Board was impressed with their work and the report generated a lot of conversation and feedback. There was a conversation about how mental health intersects with food insecurity and the economic recovery. The City and County gave updates on evictions in response to our evictions report.</p>
<b>New Member Nomination</b>	<p>Jenzie Zane was accepted as a new member of the Community Council unanimously on a motion by Nora and a second by Caroline.</p> <p>Dulce Gruwell was accepted as a new member of the Community Council unanimously on a motion by Nora and a second by Caroline.</p>

<b>Executive Director's Report</b>	<p><b>Summary:</b> Raul stated that we have had 2 forums that were follow-ups to the summit we had November 5<sup>th</sup>. We have one more forum on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and have recorded each of the forums for those who can't make it to the forum. CAN is working to establish an Expanding Opportunity Action Team and a Mental Health Workgroup. He shared that the two new priorities for this year are mental health and ensuring an equitable economic recovery. The continuing priorities CAN will address this year is language access and equity in the pandemic response.</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A:</b> Caroline asked for an update about what board members are doing about evictions. She specified that the Heritage Point neighborhood is currently experiencing issues with receiving evictions notices with no legal background. Raul asked Caroline to follow-up with him. James suggested following up with him as well since he directly works in that arena.</p>
<b>Workplan Proposal and Discussion</b>	<p><b>Summary:</b> Rachel shared the mental health workgroup recommendations which are broken into three subgroups: in the community, in the schools, and in the clinics. She felt the most appropriate section for the Community Council to focus on are the recommendations focused on the community. There are 6 recommendations in this section: public information; self-care and technology; seamless system; peer-based approaches, strategies to promote community wellness, civic engagement, and social cohesion; and data, measurement, and evaluation. She explained that the goal is to focus on 2 or 3 of these recommendations and create workgroups around them.</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A:</b> Nora stated that the public information recommendation touches on all 6 recommendations. Rachel asked Nora to explain what she envisions for the public information campaign. Nora explained that the campaign is meant to be on the ground reaching people who don't speak English and helps destigmatize mental health and connect people to resources. Raul added that that this recommendation could also look at systems to support the population and it's a community-building/ strength-building opportunity.</p> <p>Rachel asked if people felt like there were certain recommendations that people would like to focus on. Caroline stated it is important to spread the word in each member's own networks. Raul suggested something that promotes community healing and acknowledges loss and allows for the community to collectively mourn, heal, and support each other. He thinks something like that could fit under the peer-based</p>

	<p>recommendation. Nancy stated she would like to work on data to find better statistics to measure success. Ara added that all of these are interrelated. Ara suggested a systems workgroup that looks across the CAN organizations to see how they are working as a collective impact on this issue, a public information workgroup, and a workgroup that focuses on person-to-person interaction and civic/social engagement. He also stated that part of the Community Council’s role is to point to efforts that are already happening around these issues.</p> <p>Rachel asked if the group would like to split into 2 or 3 workgroups based on Ara’s suggested workgroups. Kelly stated having 3 workgroups concerns her because their workgroup had so little people it was hard to keep the work moving forward. There was consensus about having 2 workgroups: “Public Information and Person to Person Civic/ Social Engagement” and “Systems and Data”.</p> <p><b>Follow-up:</b> Members will email Jelina what workgroups they would like to be in.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	Rachel adjourned the meeting 8:00 pm.