

# CAN Community Council Meeting Notes

Monday, September 19, 2022

Zoom Video Conference

**Present:** Nora Comstock, Nancy Gilliam, Donovan DePriest, Laura Goettsche, Jenzie Zane, Patricia Longoria Camacho, Lou Serna, Caroline Reynolds

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

**Guests:** Ara Merjanian, Kyler Liu

<b>Call to Order and Announcements</b>	Donovon called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm. A quorum was not present. A quorum became present at 6:40 pm.
<b>CAN Community Council Chair's Report</b>	<b>Summary:</b> Donovan gave an overview of Steven Pedigo's presentation at the October Board meeting over the economic strategies to rebuilding Tucson, AZ. He reminded everyone to recruit new Community Council members for next year. At the bottom of the agenda there is a link, he asked everyone to send the link out to people you think would be interested in being on the Community Council.
<b>Executive Director's Report</b>	<b>Summary:</b> Raul stated that we posted the 100 <sup>th</sup> episode of the podcast the first week of September and stated that the podcast calendar was refreshed for the 100 <sup>th</sup> episode. He stated November will be a busy month for CAN. We will have the 2 <sup>nd</sup> series for the Race Equity Principles in Practice training. We have a journal that accompanies the training to allow people to journal and reflect on their experiences. He stated we also use the equity blogs as a tool for this training. In November we have the last Expanding Opportunity Forum on the power and potential of apprenticeships (November 3 <sup>rd</sup> ). The Dashboard Release will happen the week before Thanksgiving. The CAN Retreat will be November 18 <sup>th</sup> . He stated that the Community Council is invited to the retreat.  <b>Q&amp;A: Where is the retreat?</b> It will be in-person only at Workforce Solutions.
<b>Peer Force Presentation</b>	<b>Peer Force Presentation Summary:</b> Kyler is an employment specialist at peer force. He explained that Peer Force is a hub for peer specialist in Texas. It's a joint project between Centralized Training Infrastructure, UT Health Science Center San Antonio, and San Antonio Clubhouse. They provide financial assistance for peer specialist, keep a list of peer programs in Texas, and promote open peer specialist services and job listings in Texas. The four

	<p>main certifications they support are mental health peer specialist, recovery support peer specialist, certified family partner, and peer specialist supervisor. They help people go through the steps to earn these certifications and provide vouchers and background checks. They help with finding employment, trainings, CEU trainings, and connections to supervisors, finding internships, financial assistance, and statewide coordination. Kyler showed the website and where to find the services he listed. They have the steps to becoming certified and recertification information on their website. They also have a list of upcoming trainings, a network of supervisors, their employment board for the state, and financial aid resources on their website.</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A: Could you speak to what the curriculum is like for certification?</b> Because they aren't a training entity, they don't have the curriculum. Through trainings he has participated in, they cover trauma informed care, sharing your story of recovery, autonomy, questioning to guide people to their journey instead of telling people what to do.</p> <p><b>What is the time commitment?</b> Time required would be around 6 months to complete the full process.</p> <p><b>Is Peer Force a coordination role/ concierge to help people get through the process of certification?</b> Peer Force doesn't do the training, but we connect people to training and provide financial aid for trainings. Texas Certification Board has a list of certified trainers.</p> <p><b>What is your perception of capacity to train?</b> They have noticed a lot of people coming for financial aid, where he notices the bottle neck is with internships. It has been hard for people to find trainings that are available due to the lack of training entities, but with more virtual trainings there has been more flexibility.</p> <p><b>What are the greatest needs/ demands?</b> Rural areas, internship sites, background checks, not a lot of youth or Spanish speaking peers, Medicaid reimbursement rates aren't high enough, no career upward mobility as a peer specialist.</p>
<p><b>Approval of September 19, 2022 Minutes</b></p>	<p>The September 19, 2022 minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Nora and second by Lou.</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Donovon adjourned the meeting 8:02 pm.</p>

