

CAN Community Council Notes
 November 18, 2024, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
 Zoom Video Conference

Attendees: Patricia Longoria, Sona Shah, Caroline Reynolds, Pamela Garcia, Ara Merjanian, Craig McNary, Donovan DePriest

CAN Staff: Jelina Tunstill, Raul Alvarez

Guests: None

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 11:36 am. A quorum was not present.
Approval of minutes from the September 16, 2024 Meeting	A quorum wasn't present. The September minutes approval will be moved to the December meeting.
Building a Person-Centered Community Report Update	<p>Summary: Jelina shared the draft report document. She shared that we shared the report with the Executive Committee, and they liked the report and approved it to go to the Board in December for final approval. Jelina asked for a volunteer to present the report to the Board on December 13th.</p> <p>Comments and Suggestions: Sona asked what would be done with the report and how this report would be used by CAN partners. Jelina explained that this report is different from other Community Council reports. She stated that the suggestion from the Community Council is that the partners use this framework to ensure that they and their programs are functioning in a way that is person-centered. Past reports have been more policy recommendation focused.</p> <p>Follow-up: Jelina will format the report, create the ppt for the report presentation, and send a follow-up email to get a volunteer to present.</p>
Executive Director's Report	<p>Summary: Raul shared that CAN released its Dashboard last week and it is now publicly available. He stated that the strategic plan will be presented at the last Board meeting in December. This strategic plan will continue the work CAN has been doing and focus on the strength and longevity of the network. He stated that 2025 is the 30th year anniversary for CAN and a great time to reflect.</p>
Workplan Discussion	<p>Summary: Raul shared that during the last meeting there wasn't a consensus on where to go with the workplan. He met with Jelina and Craig to develop some alternative options that still focus on expanding opportunity. Raul explained that the typical Community Council process is Assessment, Planning, and then Implementation/ Advocacy. We have spent the majority of our time in Assessment and Planning, and he posed the question of how Community Council would like to focus on engagement around their reports to work on implementation and advocacy. One of the options of focus for the Community Council is under the</p>



	<p>umbrella of Expanding Opportunity focusing on social capital or hosting a series of deliberative dialogues around bridging the economic divide by revisiting the discussion guide that was previously developed by the Community Council. Another option would be under the umbrella of Assessing and Understanding Community Needs and Challenges through hosting a series of state of the safety net forums or having a 2nd Building a Person-Centered Community Summit.</p> <p>With the members present it, they decided a great way to move forward was to host 3-4 state of the safety net forums and reviewing community plans as well as the QOL studies and comparing with community needs. The state of the safety net forums could focus on the “expanding our full potential” and “safe just and engaged” sections of the dashboard to touch on social capital, workforce, and expanding opportunity which are areas of interest.</p> <p>Comments and Suggestions: Ara wanted to clarify what events were happening for the 30th anniversary so whatever the Community Council plans fall in line with what CAN is doing. Ara stated that during the last meeting it was established that we may not have the bandwidth or capacity to work on some of the topics that were previously brought up. He wanted to point out that in-person events also take quite a bit of bandwidth. Ara shared that we could take the broader topic of expanding opportunity and ask questions about social capital and basic needs. He also added that we could look at community plans to see what is already being recommended and the gaps that have already been identified. Caroline stated that social capital is too broad. Patricia liked the mapping aspect, she asked if CAN had all our partners’ plans in one place. Raul stated that we don’t collect plans, but they might be in our local efforts. Ara stated we can do 3-4 forums and then collect major plans and review those and see what the community says they need. He stated we would need to focus the discussion on a specific topic. Raul added that at the end of next year 3 quality of life forums should be completed and could be a way to bring those together. Jelina added that these events that the Community Council hosts could be a great recruiting opportunity. Ara suggested renaming the forums to reflect the needs of the time instead of the “State of the Safety Net.”</p> <p>Follow-up: Jelina will send an email to make sure everyone is on board with moving in this direction for the workplan. Jelina will bring back CAN schedule of events for 2025.</p>
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm