

CAN Community Council Notes  
 August 18, 2025, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm  
 Zoom Video Conference

**Attendees:** Craig McNary, Ara Merjanian, Patricia Longoria, Sona Shah, Caroline Reynolds

**CAN Staff:** Jelina Tunstill, Carlos Soto

**Guests:** None

<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 11:39 am. A quorum was not present.
<b>Community Council Chair’s Report</b>	<b>Summary:</b> Craig stated that we are continuing to plan the two Building Community Forums.
<b>Executive Director’s Report</b>	<p><b>Summary:</b> Jelina reported that CAN will be having a busy fall. We are working on the Building Community Forums, Welcoming Week events. CAN is having their first fundraiser during Welcoming Week with a luncheon. She also shared that there will be new indicators for education and economics. Carlos shared that since there was only one economic indicator compared to 3 education indicators, the Dashboard Streeting Committee came up with recommendations to add more economic indicators to the dashboard. Since there wasn’t much agreement, we decided to move forward with an addendum that has the indicators since that requires less checks than the dashboard.</p> <p><b>Comments and Suggestions:</b> Craig mentioned that he’d like to know what “military readiness” encompasses. Carlos answered that there are different requirements depending on which group is collecting the data. CAN will be using the TEA measure in the addendum.</p>
<b>Approval of minutes from the June 16, 2025 Meeting</b>	The June 16, 2025 minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Craig and a second by Patricia.
<b>Economic Mobility Resources Report-out</b>	<p><b>Summary:</b> Ara shared that AFN is a national organization that is designed to build a system for economic mobility. He shared that they presented at a CAN Board meeting a few months ago. Their key takeaways were centering participant voice, creating a economic mobility data hub, investing in support systems, and collective interests. Caroline shared that she looked through 2 articles dating back to WWII regarding economic mobility and she will share them via email.</p> <p><b>Follow-up:</b> Craig will share his report out in the folder. Sona will share her report out in the folder.</p>



<b>Social Capital Forum Agenda</b>	<p><b>Summary:</b> Jelina shared the agenda for the Social Capital Forum. Jelina also shared the folder for the promotion language and folders.</p> <p><b>Comments and Suggestions:</b> Ara suggested having UpTogether focus on strategies and data rather than the Family Stabilization Grant. Sona suggested having a person who has gone through their program to come present as well. Craig suggested asking for 3 people in case someone can't attend. Ara suggested each table facilitator urging their group to come to a consensus for 3 strategies. He also suggested having a facilitator guide. Craig suggested a rank order vote for strategies.</p>
<b>Economic Mobility Forum Agenda</b>	<p><b>Summary:</b> Jelina shared the draft Economic Mobility Forum agenda.</p> <p><b>Comments and Suggestions:</b> Ara suggested increasing the opening and small group discussion. Jelina suggested doing the social capital report out as a flyer or taking time from other places. Ara and craig suggested adding the report out to the frameworks and data item and just honing in on 2-3 takeaways from the social capital forum.</p> <p><b>Follow-up:</b> Ara suggested scheduling a special called meeting in-between the forums since there isn't a regular scheduled meeting in-between the two forums.</p>
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 pm