

CAN Community Council Notes

August 19, 2024, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Zoom Video Conference

Attendees: Ara Merjanian, Craig McNary, Ara Merjanian, Kelly Crook, Pamela Garcia, Patricia Longoria, Caroline Reynolds

CAN Staff: Jelina Tunstill, Raul Alvarez, Carlos Soto

Guests: None

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 11:35 am. A quorum was not present. A quorum was present at 11:45 am.
Executive Director's Report	<p>Summary: Raul shared that we just had a Board meeting a couple Fridays ago and the Executive Committee the past Friday. He shared that at the Board meeting we set a new goal for Mental Health First Aid training which is 3000 by the end of 2025. We met our first goal of reaching 1000 by July 2024. Part of the goal is to get at least 30 people to go through the train the trainers training to build capacity for a future community Mental Health First Aid goal. Regarding CAN becoming a TUUNAA, the Board approved filing a DBA which would allow us to sign a fiscal sponsorship agreement with Integral Care. Regarding the strategic plan, we've been scheduling feedback sessions for the Board and one specifically for the Community Council.</p> <p>Comments and Suggestions: Kelly asked when the feedback sessions were, and Raul stated he would share the times in the chat. Ara clarified that the Community Council session is September 19th.</p>
Community Council Chair's Report	Summary: Patricia shared an overview of the discussions that happened at the last meeting. She also asked if everyone did the prework for this meeting regarding economic opportunity to allow for easier prioritization during today's meeting.
Approval of minutes from the June 17, 2024 Meeting	The June 17, 2024 meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Kelly and a second by Ara.
Report Update from the Report Writing Workgroup	Summary: Jelina shared that the Report Writing Workgroup met in July to review the original strategies in the Person-Centered Care Framework and suggested revisions based upon what our presenters shared during their presentations. They came up with 2 versions: one with descriptions under each strategy to give context and one without. There were also 2 different wordings suggested for strategy number 3; one lists the marginalized groups and the other simplifies the language to marginalized groups. This was in response to our presenters pointing out that age and ability were not included in our original framework. Last, a new strategy was recommended to address barriers. This was also in response to our presenters



	<p>mentioning that a lot of the organizations we heard from dealt with challenges regarding accessing services due to technology access during COVID.</p> <p>Comments and Suggestions: There was a consensus that the first option with the explanations would be the best revision. Raul raised a question about the wording on number 9, the new strategy. Kelly didn't like the term of accessing services. Patricia added there isn't clarity about the services were trying to access. Craig added that the group's thinking was that we want people to access services they don't even know they have. Caroline said the real issue is lack of education around what's available. Craig added that a barrier could be education. Craig suggested changing services to resources. Ara agreed with Craig's suggested change and suggested adding awareness in the explanatory paragraph. Kelly added that right now, it reads as providing Wi-Fi vs awareness of services that are out there. Raul stated that it isn't supposed to be specific to one barrier, it is supposed to suggest that whenever an organization finds a barrier, address it.</p> <p>Follow-up: Jelina will work with Raul and the Report Writing Workgroup to rework strategy number 9.</p>
Expanding Opportunity Prioritization Activity	<p>Summary: Jelina gave an overview of what was shared last meeting regarding Expanding Opportunity and then brought a Jamboard on the screen with the available topics to focus on for the Community Council.</p> <p>Comments and Suggestions: Ara suggested adding Peer Support Specialists to the available topics to vote on. Ara liked the first three topics. Raul shared that the resilience office is going through the same discussion our Dashboard Steering Committee is going through about how to document when a neighborhood is going through economic mobility. He also shared the "Possible Solutions" document that had background research on each available topic. Ara stated that he is leaning to "small business" because it is one of the most dynamic topics and could connect with family friendly practices. Kelly stated she felt the opposite and felt that small business was so money focused it would be hard to make an impact. She is a fan of "family friendly practices" and focusing on smaller companies that are implementing these strategies. Craig added that we would have the biggest impact with place-based approaches. Each person got 3 dots to drag and vote for each topic. The top 3 topics were family friendly practices, small business, and place-based approaches.</p> <p>Follow-up: CAN staff will research the top 3 and bring it back for further prioritization.</p>
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm