



**Regional Community Advisory Committee (RCAC)
Region 1 – Antelope Valley, Palmdale, Lancaster, Santa Clarita
Committee Summary**

**L.A. Care Family Resource Center – Palmdale
2072 E. Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale, CA 93550**

**Friday, October 18, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

MEMBERS

STAFF/MANAGEMENT

Maria Lourdes Caballero	P	Pamela Harris	P	Demetria Saffore	P	Kristina Chung, <i>Field Specialist</i>
Maria Teresa Caballero	P	Rut Hernandez, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	P	Vallerie Small	P	Hilda Herrera, <i>Liaison</i>
Amanda Calzada	P	Mandie Henry	P	Eliana Torres	P	Angel Sotelo, <i>Health Advocate</i>
Manuela Castaneda	P	Marsha Diana Jackson	P	Daisy Torres-Cruz	P	Idalia De La Torre, <i>Field Specialist Supervisor</i>
Daniela Castillo	P	Russell Mahler, <i>Chair</i>	P	Maria Adela Torres Guadarrama	P	
Maria Angeles Cruz	P	Adriana Martinez	P	Maria Teresa Trujillo	P	<u>PUBLIC</u>
Irene Cuevas	P	Pedro Martinez	P	<u>COMMUNITY PARTNERS</u>		Diana Luna Miller, <i>LA County Dept. of Mental Health</i>
Nicole Fitzgerald	P	Maria Mayoral	P	LAC DPH – SPA 1	E	
Alicia Flores	P	Maria Teresa Rabaja	P	Antelope Valley Partners for Health	E	
Lupe Gálvez	P	Roger Rabaja	P	Independent Living Center of So Cal	E	
Rita Gamboa	P	Marcia Ramos	P	<u>INTERPRETERS</u>		
Laura Gonzalez	P	Antonia Rodas	P	Mariaelena Menjivar-Diaz, <i>Spanish Interpreter</i>		
Maria del Carmen Gutierrez	P	Caroline Ruano	E	Luis Palmerin, <i>Spanish Interpreter</i>		

MEETING SUMMARY, DISCUSSION AND FOLLOW UP

	AGENDA ITEM	LEAD
I.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Kristina Chung, <i>Field Specialist</i> Russell Mahler, <i>Chair</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Russell Mahler, <i>Chair</i>, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.• Maria Teresa Rabaja read the meeting ground rules.• Kristina Chung, <i>Field Specialist</i>, reviewed the meeting folder and the agenda for today's meeting.	
II.	BUSINESS	Kristina Chung, <i>Field Specialist</i> Russell Mahler, <i>Chair</i>
	<p><u>Approval of Agenda & Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Mahler asked the committee members to review today's agenda.• The agenda was approved as presented.• Mr. Mahler asked the committee members to review the August 2019 meeting summary. Members were reminded to review the agenda and summary before the RCAC meetings.• The meeting summary was approved as presented. <p><u>ECAC Report & Board of Governors (BOG) Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee members who attended the ECAC and Board of Governors (BOG) meetings gave a report on the following: <p><u>September 2019 ECAC Report (Mandie Henry)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandie Henry did not have her notes so there was no report. <p><u>October 2019 ECAC Report (Maria Mayoral)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maria Mayoral was not able to attend the meeting so there is no report. <p><u>September 2019 Board of Governors (BOG) Report (Maria Teresa Rabaja)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The <i>Elevating the Safety Net Initiative</i> is providing Medical School scholarships to a total of 8 students from UCLA and Charles Drew University.• L.A. Care has partnered with Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan to open more Family Resource Centers. With the partnership, the name will be changed to Community Resource Centers.	

October 2019 Board of Governors (BOG) Report (Roger Rabaja)

- The October 2019 BOG meeting was cancelled so Roger will attend the November 2019 BOG meeting.

ECAC Meeting Attendance

- Marcia Ramos will attend the November 13, 2019 ECAC meeting at L.A. Care Health Plan from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Antonia Rodas will attend the December 11, 2019 ECAC meeting at L.A. Care Health Plan from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BOG Meeting Attendance

- Roger Rabaja will attend the November 7, 2019 BOG meeting at L.A. Care Health Plan from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Demetria Saffore will attend the December 5, 2019 BOG meeting at L.A. Care Health Plan from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CO&E REPORT:

Public Charge

- Ms. Chung reviewed the Public Charge letter and documents that L.A. Care mailed out on behalf of John Baackes, *Chief Executive Officer* of L.A. Care.
 - President Trump proposed changes to the “Public Charge” Rule. Starting October 15, 2019, immigration officials will not only use cash assistance and long term medical care as determining factors in denying a green card but will also consider Medi-Cal, CalFresh or housing assistance.
 - The new rule does not impact U.S. citizens, current green card holders or other immigrant groups.
 - There has been opposition to this change from community groups so the new rule has not taken into effect and is being discussed at the federal level.

Board of Governors – Election Process

- Ms. Chung reviewed the motion to approve the Board election process for 2020.
- The motion will be presented to ECAC during their December meeting but RCAC members can provide input on the motion.
- The motion is requesting two changes to the current process. The first change is an eligibility check through the Office of the Inspector General and General Services Administration, as required by law. The second change includes a provision that an electronic voting process may be used.
- Members understood the two changes and did not have any input regarding the changes.

Holiday Potluck

- For the December RCAC 1, members decided to have a holiday potluck. This is voluntary and a sign up sheet was passed around.

Presentation - Health Care Workforce Development

- Ozzie Lopez was not available to present so he will be asked to come back at a later date.

III. GET UP & MOVE Group

- Members took a 15-minute stretch break.

IV. REGIONAL ISSUES Group

- Marcia Ramos requested the list of CVS Minute Clinics. Ms. Chung will follow up and bring the list to the next RCAC meeting.
- Adriana Martinez said that L.A. Care sent her a letter stating that she is no longer receiving Medi-Cal. When she called her social worker, they confirmed that she still had Medi-Cal. Adela Guadarrama also stated that she received a similar letter.
 - Angel Sotelo, *Health Advocate*, explained that eligibility is checked on a monthly basis and the information might not have been shared throughout the systems. He instructed members to first call L.A. Care or their plan partner to verify their status. It's important to note that L.A. Care does not drop people from Medi-Cal and it's the State that administers eligibility.

V. RCAC/COMMUNITY WORK PLAN Idalia De La Torre, *Field Specialist Supervisor*

2019 Community Outreach - Colorectal Cancer

- Members were reminded that the last day to turn in their tally sheets is October 31st.

2019 Sponsorship Update

- The Antelope Valley Partners for Health (AVPH) received a \$5,000 sponsorship from RCAC 1. The sponsorship supported the "What Do You Eat" event on September 13, 2019 at the AVPH office.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Group

- Ms. Chung reported that she is in contact with LA County's Department of Mental Health to schedule a presentation on their Health Promoters Program which provides workshops on mental health issues such as depression. An update will be provided at the next RCAC meeting.

VII. MEETING EVALUATIONS Group

- Members were reminded to complete and turn in the meeting evaluation included in their packets.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS Group

- Care Harbor will be taking place on November 16 – 17, 2019 at The Reef (1933 South Broadway, Los Angeles). You must have a wristband to enter. Wristbands are free and will be given out at the following locations and dates:
 - November 9, 2019 (Saturday)
Ted Watkins Park Fieldhouse – 1335 E. 103rd Street, Los Angeles, CA (9am – 3pm)

○ November 10, 2019 (Sunday)

LA Trade Technical College – 2115 Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA (9am -3pm)

- The Annual AV Community Resource Fair will take place on October 26, 2019 at Poncitlan Square (38315 9th Street, Palmdale). The fair is from 10am – 2pm and is free to the public.
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