

MINUTES

NOCSC General Meeting
St. Jude Community Resource Center

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

New / First Time Attendees

Beatriz Nunes (Speaker): Council on Aging

Carleena Bhaduri: Alzheimer's OC

Membership Renewals

No New General Members. Post Meeting Special Election Ballots counted. NOCSC has officially elected Stephen Hubert to fill the 7th Board member spot. Dan Has formally advised Stephen as well.

New Business

Karly mentioned the effect on Stigma's in the community and efforts to reduce stigma's in the near future.

Dan York Officially nominated Stephen Hubert to fill the special election board member seat.

This Is How We Do It: Brooke Weitzman

Brooke is from the Elder Law & Disability Rights Center in Santa Ana. She mentioned the most common of homeless population is 55 yr. old females. City assistance is starting to increase as they have recently opened 1000 new beds in OC.

Veterans Benefits for Low Income Pop.

OC Veterans Benefits assists in enrolling in VA benefits and is located here in OC.

For benefit denials, Brooke mentioned a process that can approve them for \$300-\$500 / month.

Disability compensation works off a percentage rate scale. A MD determines the injury/illness was due to the service time. Additional benefits eligible is fully disabled or other needs present.

Another option is the VA Pension. Often confused with a normal pension, this is different. It is comparable to a welfare program but pays more than SSI. (Current SSI rates are \$932)

Lastly, Brooke spoke about the Aid & Attendance Lookback period for new applicants.

Beatriz Nunez: Council on Aging HICAP

Beatriz Spoke about HICAP's free Medicare counseling service. Along with some other benefits such as their mail order prescription plans, ability to appeal a premature nursing home or hospital discharge, and an option for undocumented residents.

Work Group Updates

Due to time constraints, Karly only updated for WEAAD upcoming & thanked the sponsors.

Next Meeting

Educational Forum: 6/18/19 0830AM