



# *Asian American Advisory Council*

*Illinois Department of Children and Family Services*

AAAC Minutes for September 25, 2019

2:00-4:00 pm Deerfield office, 1755 Lake Cook Road, 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room or by phone.

Call to order at 2:15 pm by Santhosh.

Members present in person: Santhosh, Soji, Barbara. Present by phone: Lily, Nancy.

Excused: Stany

Review minutes. We don't have a quorum to vote on the minutes. Table the vote on the minutes.

Gauri officially resigned. She took another position and may be able to rejoin at a later date.

We hosted the Joint Council meeting on 8/30/19. AAAC members attending were Benny, Santhosh, Stany, Saju, Nancy, and Barbara. Marjorie attended the meeting. Daniel Fitzgerald brought up a suggestion from the acting Director, Marc Smith that all the councils have one Institute Day.

LAC institute day is 10/11/19.

Evaluation of 2019 goals. The Institute Day was successful.

Development of 2020 goals was tabled. Members are encouraged to bring suggestions to the October meeting. One of the suggestions was to explore worker retention. Are exit interviews being done? Soji reported that in the past 2 months, 2 DCP workers, 1 at Emerald and 1 at Maywood quit on the spot. They turned in their laptops and left.

Deerfield has 16 placement positions and 7 workers. Nancy suggested that this could be a project for the joint councils.

Next meeting is on October 23, 2019.

Meeting adjourned.