

Memorandum

To: Members of the ICOC
From: Maria Bonneville, Vice Chair of the ICOC and Chair of the Access and Affordability Working Group
Re: Appointment of a Member to the Accessibility and Affordability Working Group
Date: September 25, 2025

Proposition 14 created the Treatments and Cures Accessibility and Affordability Working Group (AAWG) to recommend policies and programs to the Board to enhance access to, and the affordability of, treatments and cures arising from CIRM-funded research for California patients. The AAWG is composed of 17 members: seven members of the Board, including the Chair and Vice Chair, and 10 outside experts. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 125290.75, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board are required to nominate members of the AAWG for approval by the Board.

For the seat on the AAWG reserved for a member of the governing board that represents a disease advocacy group, I wish to nominate Yael Wyte. Yael's advocacy for and support of Alzheimer's patients and caregivers and collaborations with community partners will help contribute to AAWG's efforts to enhance the accessibility and affordability of treatments and cures arising from CIRM-funded research for Californians.

A copy of Yael's bio is included below.

Yael Wyte, MSW

Yael Wyte is the Program and Education Manager at Alzheimer's Association, California Southland Chapter. She has served in this role since 2016, providing resources and education to families through care consultations, leading support groups for caregivers and PWDs, facilitating support group trainings with volunteers and staff, identifying and collaborating with community partners, and creating and leading adult learning models for first responders.

Yael earned her Master of Social Work from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology from University of Arizona. Since her MSW, she has worked in various capacities to promote education and support related to caring for the elderly and those with Alzheimer's. A Global Trainee at Warner Brothers, she established an Elder Care Awareness program for employees. At Leeza's Care Connection at Olympia Medical Center, she directed a free resource and support center for caregivers and their loved ones. At Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles, she oversaw Memories in the Making (MIM), a fine arts program for people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias that allows them an opportunity to communicate non-verbal way through art. At Silverado Senior Living, among other accomplishments, she launched a new independent living floor and created a unique social outing program for PWD still living at home. She has also been working with Hilarity for Charity, leading monthly caregiver support group.