**Sacramento County Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)**

**Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2025**

**Members Present:** Gene Lozano, Chair; Kathy Sachen, Vice Chair; Isabel Arreola, Patty Gainer Joshua Green, Ex-Officio; Randy Hicks, Dustin Knott, Hang Nguyen, Ex-Officio.

**Members Absent:**, Yetta Brown, Troy Givans, Ex-Officio; Angela Talent, Rami Zakaria, Ex Officio.

**Guests:** Vanessa Cummings, Public Health; **Melissa Jacobs, Senior & Adult Services; Jeff Tardaguila, Physical Access Subcommittee Member; Tremmel Watson, DAC applicant; Joe Wilson, Resources for Independent Living.**

**Staff: Cori Stillson, Cheryl Bennett,** Disability Compliance Office (DCO); Mindy Scates-Gonzales, Diane Marlow, Department of Personnel Services; Alyssa and Jordan**, American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters; Norma Rease, CART transcriber**.

**Call to Order and Introductions**

The Chair called the meeting to order, with a quorum present. Staff took roll call of members and guests introduced themselves.

**Approval of Individual Members’ Requests to Participate via Zoom**

No members requested to participate via Zoom.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**The December 3 meeting minutes were adopted as submitted.**

**Public Comments**

**Jeffery Tardaguila shared information regarding the Continuum of Care (CoC) outreach efforts**

**Review and Determine Endorsement of Human Services Coordinating Council (HSCC) Visioning Assessment Report**

**Members reviewed the draft Visioning Assessment Report prepared by Valley Vision for the HSCC. It outlines proposed changes in the structure and mission of the HSCC. Members and staff noted some concerns regarding the feasibility and effectiveness of some of the proposed changes. Staff will document the concerns and provide them back to the HSCC for their consideration. It was moved and seconded (Arreola/Gainer) to withhold endorsement of the report pending further consideration and discussion with the HSCC. Approved, unanimously.**

**Review DAC 2024 Accomplishments and Consider Topics for 2025 Work Plan**

**Members reviewed the draft documents. The Activities and Accomplishments document was approved with a minor amendment. The proposed Work Plan was reviewed and discussed. Gene Lozano assigned members to review the list and submit their top 5 goals to keep for 2025, keeping in mind what is doable with the resources and time available.**

**Chair’s Report**

Gene Lozano noted the upcoming scheduled briefing with the Chiefs of Staff on January 23. After discussion, he determined that the planned topics were not timely for their review. He directed staff to cancel the meeting. He next brought up the need for a DAC member orientation. By consensus, members selected the date of February 26 at 4:00 PM. Mr. Lozano then introduced a letter on behalf of the Department of Transportation’s application for grant funding for the Pedestrian Wayfinding app and asked for ratification. It was moved and seconded (Knott/Arreola) to approve ratification of the letter. Approved unanimously.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

Joshua Green, the newly appointed Director of General Services, introduced himself and shared some of his background and experience. Hang Nguyen provided some statistics voting in Sacramento County during the November 2024 election.

**Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report**

Cheryl Bennett shared some planned training for the Division of Public Health and some coordination with the Clerk of the Board’s office to develop guidelines for Boards and Commissions on how to prepare accessible agendas. Gene Lozano asked the DCO to follow up on the video presented to the Boards and Commissions at the recognition event to see if captions had been added.

**Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report**

The Chair was not present to report.

**Human Services Coordinating Council Report (HSCC)**

Randy Hicks shared details regarding the HSCC’s proposals to assist with recruitment for its Member Advisory Boards.

**Physical Access Subcommittee Report**

The Chair deferred the report due to time constraints.

**Homeless Services and Housing Task Force Report**

The report was deferred.

**Unfinished/New Business**

**There was no unfinished or new business.**

**Community Announcements**

**There were no announcements.**

**Proposed Topics for Upcoming Agenda**

**The item was deferred.**

**DAC Member Comments**

**This item was deferred.**

**Adjournment**

**It was moved (Arreola) and seconded (Sachen) to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.**