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

**Meeting Minutes for May 6, 2025**

**Members Present:** Gene Lozano, Chair; Kathy Sachen, Vice Chair Isabel Arreola. Yetta Brown, Patty Gainer, Troy Givans, Ex-Officio; Joshua Green, Ex-Officio; Randy Hicks, Dustin Knott, Hang Nguyen, Ex-Officio; Angela Talent, Tremmel Watson,

**Members Absent:** Rami Zakaria, Ex Officio

**Guests**;Anneka Streeter, Jeannette Johnson, Kori Aschwanden, In Home Supportive Services (IHSS); Joseph Wilson, Resources for Independent Living; Jeffery Tardaguila, DAC Physical Access Subcommittee member

**Staff: Cori Stillson, Cheryl Bennett,** Diane Marlow, Disability Compliance Office (DCO); Mindy Scates-Gonzales, Department of Personnel Services; **Garnik Mikaleyan, Department of Airports: Melissa Jacobs, Senior & Adult Services;** Vanessa Cummings, Public Health;; Mallory and Cari**, American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters; Tej Kaur, CART captioner**.

**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**

It was moved and seconded (Hicks/Gainer) to allow Angela Talent to participate via Zoom. Approved, unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**The April 1, 2025 meeting minutes were adopted with minor amendments.**

**Public Comments**

**Jeff Tardaguila provided information about an upcomng Regional Transit stakeholder meeting.**

**Meeting Courtesies**

**Gene Lozano reminded members about the importance of stating one’s name before speaking, to speak one at a time to avoid confusion by the interpreters, and to avoid distractions like rustling papers or eating during the meeting.**

**Point of Order**

**Tremmel Watson objected to the removal of his proposed item of New Business from the Agenda. Gene Lozano explained that the topic would be addressed in a Special Meeting later this month.**

**Sacramento County In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Overview**

Jeannette Johnson from IHSS provided an overview of IHSS services, the application process, eligibility requirements, participant demographics and authorized services. DAC members asked questions about the accessibility of the online service portal. Ms. Johnson was unsure but stated she would follow up.

**Chair’s Report**

Gene Lozano summarized the work of the Position Paper Task Force and Isabel Arreola, Task Force Chair, provided more detail. She advised that the draft would be provided a week or so in advance of the Agenda packet to allow plenty of time for members to review. She emphasized that this document would potentially be very influential regarding the future of the DCO and DAC.

Mr. Lozano provided additional details regarding the plans to address the issues raised about the Nominations Committee procedures.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

There were no reports from the Ex-Officio members.

**Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report**

Cheryl Bennett shared a summary of the responses from the members’ surveys regarding Work Plan priorities.

**Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report**

**Dustin Knott shared that the Subcommittee is continuing to review and recommend revisions to the DCO’s draft Accessible Meetings Checklists.**

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

**Randy Hicks updated on the HSCC reorganization and by-laws revisions. They would like to make a presentation to the DAC next month.**

**Physical Access Subcommittee Report**

**Gene Lozano noted that the Subcommittee had a presentation regarding the planned Sutter’s Landing project along the river in the City of Sacramento. At the May meeting, the Subcommittee will be part of a video being created to highlight the accessibility work being done by the County.**

**Homeless Services and Housing Task Force Report**

The report was deferred.

**Unfinished/New Business**

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

**Community Announcements**

**Members made announcements regarding upcoming events of interest to the disability community.**

**Proposed Topics for Upcoming Agenda**

**The Position Paper with recommendations to strengthen the DAC and DCO will be presented.**

**DAC Member Comments**

**Randy Hicks summarized current legislation that if passed would allow broader use of virtual public meetings.**

**Adjournment**

**It was moved and seconded (Knott/Hicks) to adjourn the meeting. Approved, unanimously.**