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

**Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2024**

**Members Present:** Randy Hicks, Chair; Gene Lozano, Vice Chair; Dustin Knott, Marc Laver, Kathy Sachen, Angela Talent.

**Members Absent:** Isabel Arreola, Patty Gainer, Troy Givans, Ex-Officio; Reggie Nelson, Hang Nguyen, Ex-Officio; Rami Zakaria, Ex Officio.

**Guests: Chris Martin, Sheri Thompson-Duarte, Garnik Mikayelyan, Department of Airports Jeff Tardaguila, Physical Access Subcommittee Member (via Zoom); Melinda Avey, Community Corrections Partnership Advisory Board Chair; Laura Brown,** Community Corrections Partnership Analyst, County Executive Office

**Staff: Cori Stillson, Cheryl Bennett, Diane Marlow,** Disability Compliance Office (DCO); **Josh and Mallory, American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters; Ryan, ASL Student**.

**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 the Minutes**

**The April 2 meeting minutes were adopted as submitted.**

**Public Comments**

**There were no public comments. Airports staff gave a brief update on their ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan activities. They will return in June for a more comprehensive report.**

**Community Corrections Partnership Community Safety Survey**

Melinda Avey and Laura Brown provided background on the Community Corrections Partnership. Their goals are to 1) reduce returns to custody; 2) reduce the use of the jails, referring people to alternative resources; and 3) maintain community safety in a comprehensive way, not just reducing crime rates. The purpose of the survey is to help define what community safety means to us. The four survey questions were discussed and members gave input. Members were encouraged to complete the survey online as well.

**Nominations Committee Report**

**Kathy Sachen thanked her Committee members Patty Gainer and Angela Talent for their assistance. She announced the slate of DAC officer candidates for the 2024-25 term: Gene Lozano for Chair, and Kathy Sachen for Vice Chair. Staff reminded members that additional nominations may be made during the voting period at the June meeting.**

**Chair’s Report**

Randy Hicks noted it is time to schedule an Executive Committee meeting. The date of Tuesday May 21 at 3:00 PM was selected.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

No Ex-Officio members were present.

**Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report**

Cori Stillson provided a brief update on the consultant search. Mindy Scates-Gonzales noted that she is exploring options with existing contractors. Cheryl Bennett briefly explained the new California regulations permitting Emotional Support Animals (ESA) in public places with similar rights as service dogs as defined by the ADA.

**Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report**

Angela Talent noted the Subcommittee reviewed Behavioral Health Services’ intake and assessment forms used with Community Wellness and Response Team (CWRT) clients. The May meeting is rescheduled to the 15th. They will review the draft Meeting and Event Accessibility Checklist from the DCO.

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

Randy Hicks noted that the consulting firm Valley Vision has taken over staff support role for the HSCC. They will be working with HSCC members and stakeholders to reshape the mission, vision and values of the HSCC.

**Physical Access Subcommittee Report**

Gene Lozano summarized the presentation on the Ground Transportation Center project at Sacramento International Airport. Members gave input in the areas of wayfinding, ParaTransit and RT Go loading zones and other accessible parking considerations.

**Homeless Services and Housing Task Force Report**

The report was deferred.

**Unfinished/New Business**

**Angela Talent and Gene Lozano shared information regarding a project proposed at Sailor Bar on the American River in Fair Oaks. There are a number of potential disability access, public safety and environmental concerns with the current proposal that warrant follow up. The Physical Access Subcommittee will be seeking information and coordination with County Regional Parks Director Liz Bellas.**

**Community Announcements**

**Members made announcements of interest to the disability community.**

**Proposed Topics for Upcoming Agenda**

**Sally Swanson and Associates and Airports staff will provide an update on the ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan activities. Election of DAC officers will be held.**

**DAC Member Comments**

**There were no additional comments.**

**Adjournment**

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