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

**Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2024**

**Members Present:** Gene Lozano, Chair; Kathy Sachen, Vice Chair; Isabel Arreola, Yetta Brown (via Zoom), Randy Hicks, Dustin Knott, Angela Talent (via Zoom).

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

**Guests:** Carlos Cossio, Program Planner, Emergency Preparedness; Vanessa Cummings, Health Educator and Areli Williams, Program Planner, Health and Racial Equity Unit; C**hris Martin, Department of Airports; Melissa Jacobs, Senior & Adult Services; Jeff Tardaguila, Physical Access Subcommittee Member.**

**Staff: Cori Stillson, Cheryl Bennett,** Disability Compliance Office (DCO); Mindy Scatees-Gonzales, Department of Personnel Services; **Michelle and Mallory, 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**

It was moved and seconded (Arreola/Knott) to approve Angela Talent’s participation via Zoom. Approved unanimously. It was moved and seconded (Arreola/Knott) to approve Yetta Bronw’s participation via Zoom. Approved unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**The October 1 meeting minutes were adopted with minor amendments.**

**Public Comments**

**There were no public comments.**

**Updates from Division of Public Health**

**Carolos Cossio provided an overview of the draft Jurisdictional Risk Assessment, a five-year plan currently open for public comment. He encouraged members to participate in the survey that had been sent out. Vanessa Cummings reported the Division is putting renewed emphasis on community outreach and crisis communications. There is a public forum being planned that will focus on the needs of people with disabilities. They welcome recommendations for organizations that should be invited. Mr. Cossio and Ms. Cummings pledged ongoing engagement with the DAC in the future.**

**Recommendations for Reappointment of Incumbent Members**

**It was moved and seconded (Arreola/Knott) to recommend the reappointment of Kathy Sachen. Approved, unanimously. It was moved and seconded (Arreola/Knott/) to recommend the reappointment of Angela Talent. Approved, unanimously.**

**Chair’s Report**

Gene Lozano gave a brief summary of the Executive Committee’s briefing with the Chiefs of Staff on October 24. The primary focus of the discussion was on recruitment of new members. Mr. Lozano asked Cori Stillson to obtain input from County Counsel regarding the conflicting provisions of the ADA and the Brown Act relating to virtual meeting attendance.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

No Ex-Officio members were present.

**Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report**

The report was deferred.

**Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report**

The report was deferred due to time constraints.

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

The report was deferred due to time constraints.

**Physical Access Subcommittee Report**

The report was deferred 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**

**There were no additional comments.**

**Adjournment**

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