

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

## **Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2020**

**Members Present:** Gene Lozano, Chair; Bill Fallai, Vice Chair; Calvin Cassidy, Patty Gainer, Randy Hicks, Leighann Moffitt, Ex-Officio; Carol Moss, Reggie Nelson, Doug Sloan, Ex-Officio.

**Members Absent:** Jeff Gasaway, Ex-Officio; Troy Givans, Ex-Officio

**Guests:** Courtney Bailey and Ben Phillips-Leseñana, Department of Voter Registration and Elections; Sheri Farinha, Allie McGill, NorCal Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Melissa O'Connell, DOGFITE; Russell Rawlings, Resources for Independent Living (RIL); Cheryl G. and Jen W., ASL Interpreters.

**Staff:** Cori Stillson and Cheryl Bennett, Disability Compliance Office (DCO).

### **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 meeting minutes for December 2019 were reviewed and approved as submitted.

### **Public Comment Period**

No members of the public wished to comment.

### **Accessibility in Sacramento County Voting Processes**

Courtney Bailey-Kanelos and Ben Phillips-Leseñana provided an update on their recent efforts to enhance accessibility in the Voting Centers and election information. They showed a video about working effectively with voters with disabilities, intended as a training tool for election workers. Members and guests shared some of their experiences in finding barriers in polling places or encountering staff with minimal understanding of interacting effectively with people with disabilities. Ms. Bailey-Kanelos stated that a large turnout was expected for the March 3 Presidential Primary Election, and pledged to report back afterward.

### **Chair's Report**

Gene Lozano announced that all of the incumbent DAC members had been nominated for reappointment and it is anticipated that they will be confirmed at the January 14 Board of Supervisor's meeting. He then summarized his meeting with David Devine, Director of Personnel Services, to discuss the implementation of the Self Evaluation and Transition Plan (SETP). He will be attending the March DAC meeting to share the proposed implementation strategies and hear feedback prior to presenting the final SETP report back to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Lozano suggested inquiring if the Clerk of the Board staff would be able to move their planned attendance up to February to begin discussions on Brown Act accessibility requirements. DCO staff will follow up to determine their availability.

### **Ex-Officio Reports**

Leighann Moffitt provided an update on the Environmental Justice Element of the General Plan. She also announced that the County had committed to supplemental funding in support of Empowerment Park, a proposed accessible playground in the Arden Arcade area. Doug Sloan stated that the Department of Waste Management & Recycling had recently moved its administrative offices to an ADA compliant facility.

### **Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report**

Cheryl Bennett provided a brief review of the DAC's founding charter, attendance requirements, and a few reminders about meeting accessibility.

### **Human Services Coordinating Council Report**

Randy Hicks summarized a presentation given by Melissa Jacobs on Mental Health Services in Sacramento County.

### **Physical Access Subcommittee Report**

Gene Lozano stated the Subcommittee has been discussing creating a process to prioritize public requests to address access barriers in County facilities, similar to the Department of Transportation's process.

### **Unfinished/New Business, Announcements**

There was no unfinished or new business. Members made announcements regarding upcoming events of interest to the disability community.

### **Proposed Topics for Upcoming Agenda**

Randy Hicks suggested the DAC would benefit from hearing the Mental Health presentation that had just been provided to the HSCC. Gene Lozano proposed inviting the ADA Coordinator for Regional Transit to discuss upcoming service and route changes and their impact on people with disabilities.

### **Adjournment**

It was moved (Hicks) to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.