**SACRAMENTO COUNTY DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION (DAC)**

**PROGRAMS & SERVICES ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES for December 11, 2024**

**Members Present:** Angela Talent, Chair (via Zoom); Yetta Brown, Patty Gainer (via Zoom); Randy Hicks, Dustin Knott, Gene Lozano.

**Members Absent:**, Isabel Arreola.

**Guests:** Tremmel Watson, DAC Applicant.

**Staff:** Cori Stillson, Diane Marlow and Cheryl Bennett, Disability Compliance Office (DCO); Josh and Mallory, American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters; Norma Rease, CART transcriber.

**Call to Order and Introductions**

The Chair called the meeting to order and those present introduced themselves.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The October and November meeting minutes were adopted as submitted.

**Approval of Members’ Participation via Zoom**

It was moved and seconded (Hicks/Lozano to approve Patty Gainer’s participation via Zoom. It was moved and seconded (Hicks/Knott) to approve Angela Talent’s participation via Zoom.

**Public Comment**

Tremmel Watson noted that the lack of microphones in the 5th floor meeting room was creating accessibility barriers for people who are deaf or hard of hearing and rely on the captioning on the screen to fully participate in the discussion.

**Consider Next Steps with Behavioral Health Recommendations**

Members revisited the correspondence and policy documents from Behavioral Health Services (BHS). It was determined that the most important outstanding item was the lack of questions on the staff demographic survey related to people with disabilities. It was moved and seconded (Hicks/Lozano) that the Subcommittee compose a letter to BHS recommending inclusion of disability categories in the staff and participant surveys. Approved, unanimously.

**Unfinished/New Business, Announcements**

There was no Unfinished or New Business. Members made announcements of interest to the community.

**Proposed Items for Next Agenda**

The January 8 meeting was moved to the 15th due to the DAC and Subcommittee meetings falling on consecutive days that month. The February 12 meeting was moved to the 11th due to the 12th being a County holiday. The Subcommittee will review a draft letter to Behavioral Health regarding the staff survey. The 2024 Activities and Accomplishments will be reviewed and the 2025 Work Plan will be considered.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.