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

**PROGRAMS & SERVICES ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES for February 11, 2025**

**Members Present:** Angela Talent, Chair (via Zoom); Isabel Arreola (via Zoom), Randy Hicks, Dustin Knott, Gene Lozano, Tremmel Watson.

**Members Absent:** Yetta Brown Patty Gainer.

**Guests:** Mary Nakamura, Anne-Marie Rucker, Lien Lam, Behavioral Health Services, Cultural Competency Unit**;** Jeffery Tardaguila, Physical Access Subcommittee member

**Staff:** Cori Stillson, Cheryl Bennett, Diane Marlow, Disability Compliance Office (DCO); Syndey and Mallory, American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters; Ryan, ASL Student; Norma, CART Transcriber.

**Call to Order and Introductions**

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

**Approval of the Minutes**

The approval of the minutes was deferred due to lack of a quorum.

**Approval of Members’ Participation via Zoom**

No action was taken, lacking a quorum.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public were present.

**Behavioral Health Services’ Response Regarding Inclusion of Disability Categories in Staff Demographics Survey and Next Steps** – Mary Nakamura and her staff discussed their plans to include disability categories in the next Staff Demographics Survey. The data will be used to identify gaps in representation so that targeted hiring efforts can be made. There is also another survey that evaluates language proficiency, which includes American Sign Language.

**Status of ADA Public Access Liaison (PAL) Program and Next Steps**

Members briefly reviewed the draft documents and asked questions of the DCO regarding plans to move forward with this program. Cori Stillson is unsure if the DCO has sufficient staffing and resources to pursue this program right now. Subcommittee members felt it is important to pursue this to ensure that ADA Title II issues are being addressed proactively across all departments. Next month, they will take a closer look at the proposed documents.

**Review and Approve Draft 2025 Subcommittee Work Plan**

Approval of the draft Work Plan document was deferred due to lacking a quorum.

**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 2025 Subcommittee Work Plan will be finalized. The draft documents regarding the proposed Public Access Liaison program will be considered.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.