

Sacramento County Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)

Meeting Minutes for December 7, 2021

Members Present:, Gene Lozano, Chair; Randy Hicks, Vice Chair; Patty Gainer, Mahavir Kallirai, Carol Moss, LaTasha Richardson, Kathy Sachen, Doug Sloan, Ex-Officio; Angela Talent, Gwen Wilson.

Members Absent: Bill Fallai, Jeff Gasaway, Ex-Officio; Troy Givans, Ex-Officio; Leighann Moffitt, Ex-Officio; Reggie Nelson.

Guests: Courtney Bailey-Kanelos, Registrar of Voters; Jeffery Tardaguila, Physical Access Subcommittee Member; Hope Medina, Community Member

Staff: Cori Stillson, 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 November 2, 2021 were approved as submitted.

Public Comments

Jeff Tardaguila noted the CA Commission on Healthcare meets Thursday December 9 at 10 AM.

Update – Voting and Vote Center Accessibility

Courtney Bailey-Kanelos provided some data from the recent election. Additional topics discussed included the public input process for the Board of Supervisors' Redistricting 2021, some feedback regarding the usage of the new accessible ballot, petition accessibility, voting machine improvements, and goals for 2022.

Chair's Report

Gene Lozano commented on recent information shared by the Disability Compliance Office regarding the public input opportunities for the Wellness Crisis Call Center Plan, formerly known as Alternatives to 911. Some members volunteered to attend and report back. Mr. Lozano established a Task Force to report back and create written recommendations for ratification by the full DAC. Angela Talent was named Chair and members are Carol Moss, Jeff Tardaguila. Mr. Lozano will participate as an Ex-Officio member. He announced the proposed topics for upcoming meetings. There will be a presentation from the Airport staff in January and possibly from Public Health in February. He also stated he would like to learn more about federal funding coming into the County and how funding is requested or allocated.

Ex-Officio Reports

Doug Sloan referred to Gene Lozano's remarks regarding federal funding and noted that the County had retained a consultant firm to assist with determining optimal use of the funds.

Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report

Cheryl Bennett summarized a presentation from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the ADA National Network entitled, "Has the Covid-19 Vaccination Effort Worked for People with Disabilities?" The report highlighted data and recommendations that were very similar to those made by the DAC earlier this year. It also provided new information and raised additional concerns. Gene Lozano requested that the Webinar be distributed to all DAC members and to the appropriate Health Services staff as a basis for discussion at the February meeting.

Annual Report Task Force Report

Gene Lozano reported that the Task Force met briefly but decided to reschedule to December 16.

Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report

Carol Moss stated the Subcommittee finalized their accomplishments document and work plan.

Human Services Coordinating Council Report (HSCC)

Randy Hicks reported the Council is preparing recommendations for the Wellness Crisis Call Center Plan and planning for its annual Heroes of Human Service awards.

Physical Access Subcommittee Report

Gene Lozano noted the Subcommittee finalized its accomplishments and work plan documents. Members discussed the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and Kathy Sachen gave a brief report on Link 21.

Unfinished/New Business, Announcements

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

Proposed Topics for Upcoming Agenda

This item was addressed in the Chair's Report.

Adjournment

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