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

**Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2023 DRAFT FOR APPROVAL**

**Members Present:**, Gene Lozano, Chair; Randy Hicks, Vice Chair; Patty Gainer, Reggie Nelson, Hang Nguyen, Ex-Officio; LaTasha Richardson, Angela Talent, Rami Zakaria, Ex-Officio.

**Members Absent:** Jeff Gasaway, Ex-Officio; Troy Givans, Ex-Officio; Carol Moss, Kathy Sachen (participated via Zoom w/o approved reason)

**Guests: Jason D’Alessio, Office of Emergency Services (OES); Gabe Corrie, DAC applicant; Jeff Tardaguila, DAC Physical Access Subcommittee member; Peter Mendoza, Community Advocate.**

**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 February 7, 2023 were reviewed and adopted as submitted.**

**Public Comments**

**Jeffery Tardaguila provided information about upcoming community meetings regarding homeless services and the Point In Time count.**

**Office of Emergency Services Evacuation Maps – Review Drafts**

Jason D’Alessio presented an overview of the purpose of the draft Evacuation and described the features of the documents. Members of the public will be able to find these maps on a website by typing in their address. Gene Lozano noted that the maps will not be accessible to screen reader software and to people with other vision and cognitive disabilities. Mr. D’Alessio acknowledged the need to create verbal descriptions and apologized for the oversight. He stated he is exploring options for additional funding to create the accessible versions. Mr. Lozano inquired if there are designated pick up sites for public transit users, citing a program in South Carolina as an example. Mr. D’Alessio responded this is not currently planned but could be explored. Members asked questions and shared ideas about how to disseminate and market the information about the evacuation zones, especially to marginalized communities. Mr. D’Alessio responded to questions about the various alert and notification systems. He expressed appreciation for the valuable input and stated he would return when there are updates to share.

**Chair’s Report**

Gene Lozano deferred his report.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

The Ex-Officio members deferred their reports.

**Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report**

Cheryl Bennett updated the Commission on the online ADA Complaint form project. She shared feedback from the Department of Technology (DTech) about the valuable learning experience this project had provided for them, that will be used to make other online forms more accessible. Ms. Bennett also acknowledged the passing of Judith Heumann, one of the founders of the Disability Rights movement.

**Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report**

Carol Moss was not present to report.

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

Randy Hicks noted the HSCC is focusing on health services for people experiencing homelessness and the plans for the Jail expansion to provide more mental health services.

**Homeless Services and Housing Task Force Report**

Randy Hicks shared that the Task Force held its first meeting. They reviewed information about the current County programs serving people experiencing homelessness and decided to revisit the Safe Stay project currently in development.

**Physical Access Subcommittee Report**

Gene Lozano recapped the Subcommittee’s discussion with the Department of General Services (DGS) regarding the recent concerns raised about the path of travel to 700H Street from the adjacent County parking lot. There are access improvements needed now and the Subcommittee expressed concern about those being deferred due to long-term plans to move the County Administration building out of downtown.

**Unfinished/New Business**

**Unfinished Business: None.**

**New Business: Cheryl Bennett reviewed her document, Analysis of Known Impediments in the Boards and Commission Application process. Members concurred with the analysis and added additional input. Ms. Bennett will forward the input to the Clerk of the Board’s Office to assist them in creating an updated document.**

**Community Announcements**

**Members made announcements of interest to the disability community.**

**Proposed Topics for Upcoming Agenda**

**This item was deferred due to time constraints.**

**DAC Member Comments**

**There were no additional comments from DAC members.**

**Adjournment**

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