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

**Meeting Minutes for July 26, 2022**

**Members Present:**, Gene Lozano, Chair; Randy Hicks, Vice Chair; Bill Fallai, Patty Gainer, Jeff Gasaway, Ex-Officio; Carol Moss, Kathy Sachen, Angela Talent.

**Members Absent:** Courtney Bailey-Kanelos, Ex-Officio; Troy Givans, Ex-Officio; Reggie Nelson, LaTasha Richardson, Doug Sloan, Ex-Officio.

**Guests: Emily Halcon, Director, Homeless Initiatives; Susan Lal, Dept. of Human Assistance; Laura Kramm, 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.

**Resolution to Continue DAC Meetings Remotely**

**Gene Lozano reviewed the purpose of the Resolution required to continue holding DAC meetings remotely. The document is identical to last month’s with current dates. He asked if there were any nay votes or abstentions and hearing none, stated the resolution is adopted unanimously.**

**Approval of the Minutes**

**The meeting minutes for June 2022 were reviewed and adopted as submitted.**

**Public Comments**

**There were no public comments.**

**Disability Access in Sacramento County “Safe Stay” Sanctioned Homeless Encampment Sites and Services**

Emily Halcon provided background information on the Safe Stay plan and described the sites and cabins. The planned accessibility features were described and discussed in detail. Members made recommendations to enhance access and usability for people with disabilities. Jeff Gasaway added additional information regarding the accessibility of the dwelling units and common areas. Susan Lal described the supportive services that would be provided to residents to meet their daily needs and to prepare them to transition to permanent housing. Members and staff asked questions and made recommendations to consider for enhancing accessibility. It is anticipated that the sites will be ready to house guests in late 2022 or early 2023.

**Follow Up Questions from 211 Sacramento Presentation**

Gene Lozano reviewed the list of questions in follow up to last month’s presentation from Katherine Sorenson of 211 Sacramento. Members had no additional input. Staff will forward the questions and the responses will be reviewed at a future meeting.

**Recognition of Retiring Ex-Officio Members**

Doug Sloan recently announced his retirement plans for August, and Leighann Moffitt retired earlier this year. Certificates of appreciation were prepared in recogntion of their contributions. It was moved and seconded (Talent/Sachen) to express appreciation to retiring Ex-Officio members Doug Sloan and Leighann Moffitt. Approved, unanimously.

**Chair’s Report**

Gene Lozano noted the upcoming meetings of the DAC Executive Committee on August 25 at 3:00 PM via Zoom. The Executive Committee will meet with the Chiefs of Staff on September 8 at 2:00 PM.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

Jeff Gasaway deferred his report.

**Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report**

Cori Stillson shared that the DCO and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office is moving from 700 H Street to Tech Center Drive near Folsom Blvd. and Mayhew Drive. There should be no disruption in service. Gene Lozano expressed concern regarding the placement and visibility of the DCO in a remote location and not at the central seat of government. He shared the history of the DAC formerly being staffed by Health Services and advocating successfully to be sponsored by the DCO and to hold meetings at 700 H.

**Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report**

Carol Moss noted the Subcommittee continues to give input on development of accessibility information for guidance documents and web pages. Next meeting is Wednesday August 10.

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

Randy Hicks stated the HSCC has been engaging in community listening sessions and developing budget recommendations for the next fiscal year. Gene Lozano reminded members of the current vacancy of one DAC representative and encouraged everyone to consider applying.

**Physical Access Subcommittee Report**

Gene Lozano summarized the presentation from Liz Bellas, Director of Parks, on the development of Gibson Ranch Sensory Trail.

**Unfinished/New Business**

**There was no Unfinished or New Business.**

**Community Announcements**

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

**Proposed Topics for Upcoming Agenda**

**The Deputy County Executive – Community Services, the Director of Airports and key Airports staff will present their response to the access concerns expressed in the DAC Annual Report.**

**DAC Member Comments**

**No DAC members wished to comment.**

**Adjournment**

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