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

**PROGRAMS & SERVICES ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES for February 14, 2024**

**Members Present:** Angela Talent, Chair; Isabel Arreola (via Zoom w/ approval), Patty Gainer (via Zoom w/ approval), Randy Hicks, Gene Lozano, Reggie Nelson

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** Dustin Knott, DAC applicant; Josh and Mallory, American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters

**Staff:** Cori Stillson and Cheryl Bennett, Disability Compliance Office (DCO)

**Call to Order and Introductions**

The Chair called the meeting to order and those present introduced themselves. There was not a quorum of members present in person so no official action could be taken. It was moved and seconded (Lozano/Arreola) to permit Patty Gainer to attend via Zoom for reasons allowed by the Brown Act. Approved, unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The meeting minutes for December were approved unanimously. Approval of the January 2024 meeting minutes were deferred due to a technical question involving meeting a quorum.

**Public Comment**

Dustin Knott noted that there he is working with the Department of Voter Registration and Elections through the Language Access Subcommittee to include more American Sign Language (ASL) videos explaining the voting process. Many in the Deaf community don’t understand or are distrustful of the election process and avoid participating.

**Discuss Response from Behavioral Health Services**

Members reviewed and discussed the response to the Subcommittee’s questions regarding accessibility in the Mobile Crisis Support Team (MCST) and Community Wellness Response Team (CWRT). Angela Talent and Cheryl Bennett shared feedback from attending the CWRT Advisory Committee meeting. Ms. Kelly, the author of the response letter was not present. Ms. Talent proposed meeting with her personally on behalf of the Subcommittee. Members agreed and staff will follow up. Members discussed concerns about representation in peer response and services for the deaf/blind community.

**Unfinished/New Business, Announcements**

There was no unfinished or new business. Members made announcements of interest to the community.

**Proposed Topics for Next Agenda**

In addition to continuing the discussion regarding Behavioral Health, the Subcommittee will review the accessible meeting resource from Department of Rehabilitation to determine if it would be appropriate for inclusion in the DCO’s ADA resource page for employees.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.