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

**PROGRAMS & SERVICES ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES for November 15, 2023**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** Dustin Knott, DAC applicant; Muffy and Lacey, 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.

**Approval of Members’ Participation Remotely**

It was moved and seconded (Arreola/Hicks) to permit Gene Lozano to participate in the meeting via Zoom. Approved, unanimously.

It was moved and seconded (Hicks/Arreola) to permit Patty Gainer to participate in the meeting via Zoom. Approved, unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The meeting minutes were approved for August 9, 2023.

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Review Mental Health Crisis Response Program Draft Letter**

Members reviewed the most recent draft from the Task Force. Discussion ensued and additional amendments were suggested. The Task Force will convene once more to make the final edits and the revised draft will be presented for ratification at the December DAC meeting.

**Unfinished/New Business, Announcements**

Cheryl Bennett summarized the response from the Behavioral Health Cultural Competency team regarding the DAC’s recommendations for inclusion of disability categories in the staff demographics survey. The Cultural Competency team declined to implement the recommendations due to privacy concerns. Gene Lozano recommended the Subcommittee follow up with an appeal for reconsideration. This will be discussed at the next Subcommittee meeting.

**Proposed Topics for Next Agenda**

Members will review the year’s activities and accomplishments and begin determining the 2024 Subcommittee work plan.

**Subcommittee Member Comments**

There were no comments from members.

**Adjournment**

It was moved and seconded (Arreola/Nelson) to adjourn the meeting.