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

**Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2022**

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

**Members Absent:** Jeff Gasaway, Ex-Officio; Troy Givans, Ex-Officio; Mahavir “Kalli” Kallirai, Reggie Nelson

**Guests: Jeffery Tardaguila, Physical Access Subcommittee 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 March 2022 were reviewed and adopted as submitted.**

**Public Comments**

**Jeff Tardaguila commented on a recent incident of a disabled transit rider left waiting at a bus stop for several hours.**

**ADA Self Evaluation & Transition Plan (SETP): Status and Progress - Implementing Self Evaluation Findings and Recommendations from 2020 Report**

Cori Stillson provided an update on recent developments. The ADA Notices are being translated into other languages, She has been working with Public Information Officer Matt Robinson to develop “how to” guidelines and training modules. An International Symbol of Accessibility (ISA) has been placed on the County’s home page which leads to the Disability Compliance Office’s page “Public Access Information.” More content will be added as it is developed. The Department of Technology (DTech) is preparing to contract with a Web Content Management consultant. Gene Lozano requested that the DAC be part of the proposal review process. Ms. Stillson will follow up to determine where DTech staff is in the process. Matt Robinson will be invited to discuss the accessibility information he is working on.

**Chair’s Report**

Gene Lozano asked the DCO for any updates on returning to in-person meetings. Cori Stillson responded that the Board of Supervisors had made a decision that would allow County Boards and Commissions to continue meeting virtually. By resolution, the Commission may decide whether to meet in person, virtually or both, referred to as a hybrid meeting. Extensive discussion ensued and there were still many unanswered questions. The health and safety of meeting participants is the primary goal. Doug Sloan donated clear face masks for the DAC’s use. This topic will be revisited next month.

Mr. Lozano appointed Kathy Sachen to be this year’s Nominations Committee Chair. He briefly reviewed the nominations and election process for DAC officers. In follow up to the ongoing communication with Public Health, a future meeting is being planned to consider how a mobile in-home COVID-19 testing program for homebound individuals could be developed. Following up on the recent response from the Airport regarding access improvements. Mr. Lozano noted that they are open to more stakeholder involvement in making accessibility improvements. However, he noted with concern that there is still no commitment to retaining a consultant to perform and ADA Self Evaluation and create a Transition Plan as required by 28 CFR 35.105.

Lastly, Mr. Lozano recapped his March 14 meeting with Dr. Sylvester Fadal, Director of Personnel Services (DPS), regarding the DAC Annual Report. Dr. Fadal stated he is not able to sponsor the report as a timed item on the Board of Supervisor’s Agenda right now. However, he wanted to ensure that the DAC’s concerns are heard, and he proposed the following options for the DAC’s consideration.

1. Allow for more time for Dr. Fadal to review and consider the report, although there remain concerns regarding the content that addresses other County Departments over which DPS has no authority.

2. Submit the report as correspondence to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration, but not as an Agenda item. This option may or may not generate further inquiry or action from the Board.

3. Schedule a meeting (with assistance from DPS) with the County Executive and the Deputy County Executives responsible for the program areas discussed in the Annual Report to consider how to address the DAC’s recommendations.

Members discussed and debated the three options. It was moved (Talent) and seconded (Hicks) to schedule a meeting with the County Executive Office and other interested parties to review the DAC Annual Report and determine next steps. Approved, unanimously.

The Executive Committee will meet with the Chiefs of Staff on April 28 at 3:00 PM. The Annual Report will be the main topic of discussion.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

Doug Sloan deferred his report.

**Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report**

Cori Stillson noted that the County Executive Office is working on selecting the new Ex-Officio DAC members, as the current terms have expired. Cheryl Bennett stated that in honor of National Public Health Week, she and April Marie Dawson, Executive Director of Resources for Independent Living conducted a Webinar entitled “Accessible Services for People with Disabilities – Closing the Health Equity Gap.” She also prepared a list of links to articles and resources relevant to identifying and creating solutions for the barriers for people with disabilities in Covid-19 and Public Health services delivery. Members asked for the materials to be shared.

**Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report**

This report was deferred due to time constraints.

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

This report was deferred due to time constraints.

**Physical Access Subcommittee Report**

This report was deferred due to time constraints.

**Unfinished/New Business, Announcements**

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

**Proposed Topics for Upcoming Agenda**

**Next month, the DAC will begin to review 211 Sacramento program information.**

**DAC Member Comments**

**No DAC members wished to comment.**

**Adjournment**

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