

Department of Developmental Services (DDS)  
Disabilities Advisory Committee (DAC)

Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 12, 2012  
11:00 a.m.

Members Attended

Michael Januse (via telephone)  
Yash Manchanda (via telephone)

Others Attending

Nicole Patterson (via telephone)  
Kathleen Ozeroff (via telephone)

Members Absent:

Diana Hendrickson

Yash Manchanda called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from August 2012 meeting were read and **tabled because of Lack of Quorum.**

**II. Old Business:**

- DAC goals – vote in a secretary – **Michael Januse** agreed
- Equipment for Lanterman with Homeland Security Grant Funds – **Not Yet Received**
- October Disability Awareness plans – **Nicole gave the names of training officers at Lanterman, Fairview, Porterville, and Sonoma. Yash will contact them regarding plans.**
- DAC Article in News and Notes – **Not Published Yet**

**III. New Business**

- DAC goals –**Kathleen Ozeroff talked about current efforts and Nicole Patterson said that there have been no requests so far. Discussed various avenues to create more interest in membership. Need to have at least 5 members. Michael Januse will try to recruit some from HQ. The concern was raised on the wording of membership to the committee. The clarification may be made to “composition of the committee must include members with disabilities”**
- October Disability Awareness plans - **Nicole gave the names of training officers at Lanterman, Fairview, Porterville, and Sonoma. Yash will contact them regarding plans. Kathleen Ozeroff will get the copy of “The Ten Commandments of Communicating with People With Disabilities - DVD & Resource Guide” which will be played for staff at each of the DC during the month. The DAC members or training**

officers may be available during brown-bag lunch meetings. "Saying of the week" will be posted on message boards at both Porterville and Lanterman

- **The changes to current brochure of DAC were discussed. It was tabled till after new recruitment effort.**
- **Peggy Peter** – Had submitted Nomination for "DAC of The Year" award to Kathleen. She has offered some suggestions for changes. The suggested changes will be sent to members for review and final submittal to SDAC

**IV. Adjournment: Yash thanked every one attending especially Kathleen Ozeroff and Nicole Patterson for their insights and participation.**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**Next Meeting: October 17, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 334 (unless rescheduled)**