

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

Teleconference Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 17, 2013
1:30 PM.

Members Attended

Michael Januse (HQ).	Tami Wasson (FDC)	Eunice Tucker (HQ).
Yash Manchanda (LDC).	LaDonna Brown (HQ).	Mandy Stewart (LDC)
Diana Hendrickson (SDC).	Cindy Nelson (SDC).	

OHRA Liaison: Nicole Patterson (HQ) (excused)

Yash called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM and welcomed all members, new and old

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes March 2013 were reviewed and approved unanimously.
- II. **Old Business:**
 - **Recruitment Efforts – Nicole Patterson** – did not attend. But Ms. Ozeroff had communicated earlier that all new applications were approved by the Director and members notified.
- III **New Business:**

Yash talked about the By-Laws stating that according to these, meetings have to be held in the Headquarters. He suggested that the two new members from headquarters consider becoming The Chairperson and The Secretary. Since Sonoma has now two members, one of them could help out being the Vice Chair. By-laws suggest two members at large. Yash suggested that the two new members (one from Fairview and other from Lanterman or Sonoma consider being Members at Large. The two remaining may be just members or appointed by the new Chairperson to some subcommittees. Members decided to think over these suggestions and consider them during next meeting

 - Ms. Gloria Fong of IT Department gave an excellent presentation on Web accessibility. She will send a copy of her presentation handout to be distributed at a later time. She stated that California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) is the lead agency on the subject and all of the departments in California are using DOR templates.
 - Mandy (Lanterman) and Diana & Cindy (Sonoma) watched webinar on High Rise Evacuation and would like to see actual equipment used in these. Yash to investigate the possibility. Tami (Fairview) said that at her facility, they have actual demonstration of use of equipment during orientation, which is usually monthly. Something similar to these and/or showing “10 Commandments of Communicating with people of Disabilities” can be done during Disability Awareness Month (October). Michael (HQ) would like to see one or two such activities during that period.
 - Michael will invite Pam to talk about variations in rest rooms facilities at the headquarter and may be these could help at Centers.
 - No new issues were raised during Round Robin

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM

Next Meeting: May 15, 2013 at 1:30 PM. in Room TBD (unless rescheduled)

Respectfully Submitted:

**Yash Manchanda
Acting Chairperson**