

California Department of Developmental Services
Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)

Teleconference Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2014
1:30p.m.

Members Attended:

Tami Wasson (FDC), Chair
K.C. Adalco (LDC), Vice Chair
LaDonna J. Brown (HQ)
Nancy Britton (FDC)
Kerri Gavin (SDC)
Crissy Ortiz (HQ)
Cindy Nelson (SDC)
Carol Johnson (SDC)

Guest:

Alice Lee (OHRAS-Support)
Kathleen Ozeroff (HQ)

Absent:

Mandy Stewart (LDC)
Nicole Patterson, OHRA Liaison (HQ - Support)

Tami Wasson called the meeting to order at 1:45p.m., and welcomed all members to the meeting.

- **Approval of July and August 2014 Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed and motion was made by Cindy Nelson to approve them. There were 2 abstains by Nancy Britton and Kerri Gavin. The motion was seconded by Crissy Ortiz.

Review and approval of July minutes were deferred to the October meeting.

- **Sub-Committee Reports**

Fragrance and Chemical Sensivities: Discussion was held on the progress on posting the fragrances and chemical sensitivity article on DDS Oasis. Kathleen said that DDS website group can format the article and post on OASIS. **ACTION:** Tami said she could write a blurb. Kerri requested a copy of the article before it is posted to OASIS,so she can put in Sonoma's bulletin. Kathleen will send Kerri a PDF and Non-PDF format of the article to Kerri.

By-Laws: Nicole typed up the recommended by-law edits that will be a part of a one month review. Kathleen askedk if changes can be presented by track-

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changes as it would be a cleaner way to see what has been changed. **ACTION:**
Tami will send out these changes by next meeting.

- **Old Business**

Employees with Disabilities Awareness Month: The group was reminded of scheduled speakers for October's event. The following speakers are:

October 1	Shari Roeseler, Society for the Blind
October 8	Warren Strand, Canine Companions for Independence
October 15	Denise Davis, Alzheimer's Association
October 22	Janel Edmiston, Hearing Loss Association of America
October 39	NO SPEAKER SCHEDULED

Discussion was also held around the need to rent an addition 25 chairs for this event, at a cost of \$1/per chair, would be \$100 for a total of 4 weeks. The group asked how this would be paid for. LaDonna reminded the group that DAC HQ group is holding funds from December's 2013 fundraiser. Crissy suggested that we see what response we get back for attendees to determine if we will need extra chairs, or look further into opening a bank account to keep costs going for events like these.

Crissy made a motion to spend up to \$100 for 25 chairs for 4 weeks in October for the Disability event. Nancy Britton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Kathleen said there has been discussion around making plans to work with agencies next year for October Disability Awareness events. She said that this year DDS does not have the staffing or resources to go forward

She also noted that our October event is an opportunity to promote DDS DAC speaker series and setting up a DAC information table. The Commission on energy said they will advertise our event and DDS will advertise other agency awareness month events. **ACTION:** Kathleen will followup with Monica Herrera at the Commission on Energy regarding our participation in their October event.

It was also said that we could have specific focus areas on serving persons with disabilities. The group was asked what they wanted to do for January 2015. It was suggested that the DC members can talk it up with their employees and experts on how to attract people,

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SDAC Meeting: Nancy will attend the SDAC meeting on September 25 here in Sacramento. Travel has been approved.

ADA Celebration/Employee Picnic Pictures: Kathleen hope to get pictures from Nancy Lundgren soon.

- **New Business**

DAC Membership Contact Roster: **ACTION:** Tami has done changes and will send to LaDonna to compare, finalize and distribute.

Reports from DC's about their DACs:

Lanterman – K.C. put article in the “News & Notes” bulletin on Disability Awareness Month. He will hang posters that he downloaded from a federal website. **ACTION:** Kathleen requested K.C. to email the federal website link to her

ACTION: Carol Johnson found the article on cognizant disabilities and will send to Tami.

Sonoma – Cindy Nelson contacted clinical psychologists regarding writing an article for the center’s Eldridge Gazette on mental illness in the workplace. Once the article is completed, it will be presented at a future meeting.

Next Meeting October 8, 2014. Schedule to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

LaDonna J. Ross
Secretary