

California Department of Developmental Services
Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)

Teleconference Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 12, 2015
1:30p.m.

Members Attended:

Tami Wasson (FDC), Chair
K.C. Adalco (LDC), Vice Chair
Ingrid Schonert (HQ)
Alice Lee (OHRAS-Support)
LaDonna J. Brown (HQ), Secretary
Jason Scott (HQ)

Guests:

Nicole Patterson, OHRAS Liaison (HQ - Support)

Absent:

Kathleen Ozeroff, OHRAS (HQ)
Cassandra Davis, EEO Coordinator (SDC)
Nancy Britton (FDC)
Kerri Gavin (SDC)

Tami Wasson called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and welcomed all members.

I. Approval of August 12, 2015 Minutes

Motion made by Ingrid Schonert to approve July 8, 2015 minutes. Motion seconded by Alice Lee. Vote was unanimous.

II. Sub-committee Reports

- K.C reported that the ***Fairview DC Fragrance and Chemical Sensitivities*** sub-committee did not meet, but he will send an email out by the end of August to interested employees regarding a future meeting to discuss October National
- ***Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)*** recognition plans. Alice said that other agencies have the option to celebrate NDEAM any other month, outside of October.

III. Nomination of Officers – Tami Wasson

The floor was opened, to various nominations for office. Nominations occur as follows:

For the office Chair, the following individual was nominated:

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Tami Wasson, nominated by Jason Scott. No other nominations for chairperson were received.

Vice Chair: K.C. Adalco was nominated, by Tami Wasson. Kerri Gavin was also nominated by K.C. Adalco, and the second was made by Jason Scott.

Secretary: Ingrid Schonert was nominated, by Jason Scott, and Alice Lee. There were no other nominations received.

In accordance with DAC bylaws, the above mentioned officers will hold their respective positions for a two year period.

Elections will be held at the September 9 business meeting for Vice-Chair nominees K.C. Adalco and Kerri Gavin. Nominations and votes can be sent to Nicole.Patterson via email. Headquarters members can write their vote and submit to the secretary. Kerri and K.C. are to prepare speeches for elections as well.

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IV. Announcements

None.

V. Old Business

Bylaws Update/Website Update - (Nicole Patterson)

Bylaws are not posted on the OASIS website yet. Nicole prefers to update the DAC member information before posting the bylaws.

ACTION: LaDonna to email updated DAC contact roster to Nicole and a copy of the signed bylaws to all members.

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VI. New Business

Assessment /Discussion of July 22, 2015 ADA Celebration/Employee picnic & DAC Training Session-

Suggestions were encouraged from the group. Nicole suggested that DAC nominations for officers be held in June 2016 meeting and hold elections at the following month's business meeting. Make this a first priority.

Jason thought that the disability awareness quizzes brought awareness to the event.

Nicole asked DC members if they have an employee appreciation day? She think it is a good idea to have one at the DCs. Tami said that Fairview DC has an advocacy fair. She thought the DDS picnic was nice, but she suggests that DAC have a banner at next year's event to identify who the committee is. There hasn't been a visual in the past.

K.C. suggested that the DAC members have an opportunity to present to their managers the advantage of coming to HQ the day before the event to prepare for the event and possibly visit another DAC facility. Nicole offered that DAC do a more firm and justifiable reason as to what the benefit would be to arriving the day before the picnic. How would this enhance the future goals of DAC?

ACTION: LaDonna to assist Chair in sending a thank you to CDCR DAC (Reginald Carter) for attending the July 22 picnic.

Goals

Tami asked group if they were able to review the obtainable goals and share their input. No input was given by the members at this time.

Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) recognition plans-

K.C. sent emails to the FDC regarding NDEAM and posted flyers last year. Expect to set-up information table, and other plans. Tami will put out an NDEAM bulletin to FDC. Alice said that SDAC decided not to do NDEAM this year. Ingrid suggested an email bulletin or survey monkey. Alice said that Dept. of Social Services will hold an NDEAM fair this year.

ACTION: LaDonna to contact Janel Edmiston, Hearing Loss of America, 2013 speaker of DDS speaker series, for her availability this year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Next Meeting(s) : September 9, 2015

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Respectfully submitted:

LaDonna J. Ross