

California Department of Developmental Services
Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)

Teleconference Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 8, 2016
1:30p.m.

Members In Attendance:

Kerri Gavin (SDC), Chair
Alice Lee (HQ- OHRAS), Vice Chair
Ingrid Schonert (HQ), Secretary
Hannah Dunham (HQ)

Guests:

Ebenezer Ampah, OHRAS (HQ)
George Mabanglo, OHRAS (HQ)

Absent:

Nancy Britton (FDC)
Jason Scott (HQ)

Absent (Director's Office Support):

Nicole Patterson, OHRAS Liaison (HQ - Support)

Kerri Gavin called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests.

I. Approval of May 2016 Minutes

- Kerri made the motion to accept May meeting minutes, motion seconded by Alice. Minutes approved and will be posted on the DAC web page.

II. Sub-committee Reports

- Subcommittees tabled until further need/notice

III. Announcements

- None

IV. Old Business

- **Goals** – Recruitment continues to be the committee's primary goal at this time.
- **Online Disability Survey** – The survey went out for this year, no information available yet.
- **DAC Member Recruitment** - Ebenezer sent out a letter for HQ and the DC's, and Ingrid had it posted on the DAC webpage. Two people have expressed interest from Porterville. Per Ebenezer, Nichole voiced concern there may be a conflict of interest in having EEO's be DAC

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members, as they may be more focused on reasonable accommodations than advocacy. DAC does not feel a conflict exists at this time.

V. New Business

- **July Picnic Planning** – Hannah and George will coordinate the DAC table for the ADA picnic on July 21. Ingrid will update the DAC brochure and see if the file for the chemical sensitivity brochure can be located, and follow up with getting copies made. DAC also discussed having information in the 50th anniversary of the Lanterman Act available. Ebenezer will look in to inviting EEO coordinators from the DC's to the picnic.
- **DAC By-laws** – There are only minor corrections suggested for the by-laws, so the committee decided to hold on pursuing changes until any more updates are required.

VI. Open Agenda

- **Absenteeism** - Per the DAC by-laws, any member who misses two consecutive meetings without good cause shall be removed from the DAC. Kerri will contact Nancy to determine if the DAC should proceed with removal procedures.
- **Architectural Accessibility** - Ebenezer has received inquiries regarding architectural accessibility, and was not sure if this is under DAC's scope. Ingrid stated that per the by-laws, DAC can advise on architectural barriers. Ebenezer will forward the information to Ingrid.
- **Chemical Sensitivity** – Kerri suggested an email be sent out to all staff regarding chemical sensitivity awareness. Ebenezer related that it is a touchy subject as there is no clear policy. Alice has a copy of memo released by the Department of Social Services to their employees regarding the issue. DAC will further discuss at the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 10, 2016

Respectfully submitted: Ingrid Schonert