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To: Department of Developmental Services All Staff
From: Office of the Director
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Subject: Disability Advisory Committee

It is my pleasure to announce the Department of Developmental Services' (Department) Disabilities Advisory Committee (DAC) is again recruiting for new members from Headquarters and the Developmental Centers/Community Facility. The DAC is a requirement of all State Agencies per Government Code section 19795 (b) (1) and acts in an advisory capacity to the Office of the Director.

The DAC's purpose includes addressing issues or concerns of employees with disabilities, educating all employees in disability awareness, and developing plans to overcome or correct underrepresentation of persons with disabilities in our workforce. Committee membership is open to all Department employees who have a special interest in disability issues in the workplace.

The DAC is composed of five Headquarters employees and up to two employees from each Developmental Center and Community Facility. Members will be appointed by me to serve a one- or two-year term during the first year, and then two-year terms in succeeding years with a maximum of three consecutive terms. Staff is allowed four hours a month to participate in DAC related activities including monthly teleconference committee meetings.

Coordination of the DAC will be under the direction of Kathleen Ozeroff, Chief, Office of Human Rights and Advocacy Services. Nicole Patterson, Coordinator of Consumer Services, is the liaison for the committee.

If you are interested in serving as a member of this committee, please send a brief letter to Nicole Patterson at Nicole.patterson@dds.ca.gov, indicating why you would like to be a member and what you will contribute to the committee. Please have your supervisor endorse the letter indicating their approval of your participation should you be selected.

I am looking forward to working together with the DAC in the Department's endeavor to increase opportunities and eliminate barriers for employees with disabilities.



SANTI J. ROGERS
Director

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