

California Department of Developmental Services
Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)
Teleconference Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Alexandra “Alex” Sanders: (HQ-Sacramento), Interim Chairperson
Anastacia “Stacie” Reed: (HQ-Sacramento), Secretary
Hope Beale: (HQ-Sacramento)
Nataki Owino: (HQ-Sacramento)
Alexandra Bravo: (HQ-Sacramento)
Hussain Quettawala: (HQ-Sacramento)
Jessica Ross: (HQ-Sacramento)
Seneca St. James: (HQ-Sacramento)

Representatives and Guests:

Claudia Lutz, (HQ-Sacramento)

Members/Representatives Absent:

Patty Jamal: (Porterville DC)
Ralph Jewell: (HQ-Sacramento)
Ayana Kiburi: (California Arts Council (CAC), DAC Representative)
Jessica Love: (HQ-Sacramento)
Jacki Maciel: (HQ-Sacramento)
Dianne Robbins, Esq: (HQ-Sacramento)
Dena Ruiz: (HQ-Sacramento)
Charles Seilestad: (HQ-Sacramento)

DDS DAC did not meet quorum at the commencement of the meeting. The meeting began at 10:08a.m.

Alex Sanders welcomed the membership and guests.

Approval of July 2020 Minutes:

The DAC did not meet quorum; therefore, the September 2020 minutes will be sent to the members by email for a vote.

Sub-committee Reports:

Speakers and Trainings Subcommittee:

- **Stop Stigma**-Alex reported that Stop Stigma forwarded a form to her for setting up virtual trainings. Once a training is agreed upon

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by the membership, it will require approval by Office of Human Rights and Advocacy Services and the Director's Office.

- Alex provided examples of the types of trainings that can be provided stories of stigma, overcoming stigma, diversity, etc.
- Alex stated she will make a list of the trainings and send it out to the membership.
- **Love Languages Training**-Alex shared information on the training, which was provided by James Dimmitt.
 - The training teaches ways of identifying how people receive communication differently and how they interact with each other.
 - Alex asked if James the DAC should have him provide the training again for those that did not participate the last time.
- **Trauma Informed Care**-This training has been postponed until COVID-19 restrictions are ended. Dr. Nadine Burke-Harris will likely not have the time for this training until later in 2021.

DAC Recruitment and Renewals

- Alex indicated that November is normally DAC recruitment month, however, with all the restrictions surrounding COVID-19, recruitment efforts are should be postponed until 2021.

Signage and Logo Subcommittee:

- Alex recommended sharing the draft DAC logos with the DAC membership until the Department logo efforts are completed.
- Hussain Quettawala shared two outstanding draft DAC logos with the membership
- The draft logos will be shared by email with the membership for their review and feedback.

ADA Taskforce Subcommittee

- On hold due to COVID-19; however, Jessica Ross indicated that she will continue to conduct building walk-throughs in order to determine needs.

DDS DAC Homepage Subcommittee

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- Alex shared that Hussain has a draft outline of a redesign of the DAC Homepage. IT wants links added to the draft.

Annual By-Law Review Subcommittee:

- Alex indicated that the By-Law revisions are almost complete. A copy will be shared with the membership following review by Legal and the Director's office.

DDS CAC DAC Charter Subcommittee:

- Alex indicated that the draft DAC CAC Charter is still in review by caused delays in moving forward with the document.

LEAP Process

- Alex shared information about how DOR and CalHR manage the LEAP program:
 - Alex reported that Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) is responsible for certifying applicants for LEAP.
 - CalHR can also certify but mostly leave it up to DOR.
 - Consumer applicants must provide documentation to justify certification.
 - Training with DOR's districts has been challenging as DOR has not enforced a standard in the process.
 - CalHR manages the certification platform and are not receptive to suggestions on updating/improving on it.
- Alex indicated she will share the DOR's LEAP PowerPoint with the DAC.

Announcements

- The DAC had nothing to report at this time.

Old Business

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New Business

- **DAC Subcommittees Need Additional Members**

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- Alex asked the membership to review the different subcommittees and consider joining one.
- **Executive Member Vancancies**
 - Alex indicated that there are a few openings on the DAC executive committee. She asked that DAC members consider becoming the Sergeant-at-Arms or the Treasurer.
- **DAC Goals for 2020-2021**
 - Alex indicated that there are many goals from last year that the DAC was not able to work on due to COVID-19 restrictions. She will send last year's goals via email to refresh everyone's memory and for discussion in 2021.
- **DAC Meeting Calendar 2021**
 - Alex indicated a proposed calendar will be sent to the membership to decide on the meeting schedule for 2021.
- **DAC Fundraising**
 - Alex indicated that since it is so late in the year and we are still in quarantine, we should push out fundraising plans to 2021. She indicated that fundraising efforts will require a Treasurer be appointed for accountability sake.
- **DAC Art Project**
 - Alex mentioned that this project is still a viable project and asked the membership if they are still interested in developing the projects. Maybe the project should be virtual? Hussain mentioned he will search for virtual platforms that will interface with Zoom.

Open Agenda

- The DAC had nothing to report at this time.

This meeting adjourned at 11:02a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2020, at 10:00a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Anastacia Byrne-Reed