**State of California**

**Health and Human Services Agency**

**Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)**

**Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)**

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2023

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Department of Rehabilitation, Public Zoom Meeting

# In Attendance

## DAC Members

* Cory Lemings; Neurodivergent Disability
* Emily Alexander; Deaf/Hard of Hearing
* Miguel Castaneda; Physical Disability
* Lisa Cushman; Mental/Behavioral Disability
* Jonathan De Jesus; Cognitive Impairment
* Jonathan (Jona) Deguzman; Other Disability
* Jordann Nelson, Respiratory Impairments
* Chelle Ellis; Heart/Circulatory Disorders
* Subashree (Suba) Krishnamurthy; At Large Member/Ally
* Jennilee Ruggirello; Blind/Visual Impairment
* Bonita Wahl; Traumatic Brain Injury
* Michelle Zavala-Pizano; Learning Disability

## DOR Advisor

* Rosa Gomez

## DAC Subcommittee Members in Attendance

* Belinda Boylan
* Benjamin Smith
* Robertina Arrellano

## DAC Leadership Team in Attendance

* Joe Xavier
* Victor Duron
* Mark Erlichman

## Other DOR Staff in Attendance

* Andrew Beaken
* Antoinette deBoisblanc
* Brandon Leyton
* Carrie Viarnes Araya
* Craig Wright
* Dana Mitchell
* Elena Ardelean
* Georgeta Tanase
* Gregory Ramos
* Ismael De Leon
* Jasdeep Brown
* Jeffrey McKey
* Jocelyn Concepcion
* Juliette Tatrai
* Kate Bjerke
* Kathleen Cross
* LeNae Liebetrau
* Luis Iglesias
* Matthew Morgan
* Melanie Luttrell
* Michelle Kaplan
* Nick Sabia
* Olivia Flores
* Serina Chacon
* Shamika Rauls
* Shannon Coleman
* Teresa Viramontes
* Tracy Sevilla

## Members of the Public in Attendance

* None

# 1) Welcome and Introductions

* Jordann Nelson, DAC Chair, reviewed the purpose of the DAC, conducted a roll call, and established a quorum.

# 2) Approval of DAC Meeting Minutes and Review of Action Items

* May Meeting minutes brought forward and approved.

Public Comment

# 3) Bagley-Keene Meeting Location Notification Update

* Rosa Gomez reviewed the details of a change in public meeting location requirements as of July 1, 2023. At the next meeting, the former Bagley-Keene Act requirements that mandate that the location from which all DAC members attend the meeting must be noticed, and that any member of the public who chooses to may attend from that location will recommence.

Public Comment

# 4) Presentation by the Directorate

* Joe Xavier, Director, DOR and Victor Duron, Chief Deputy Director, DORprovided an overviewon organizational, state, and federal issues of interest to the DAC, and outlined the three-part mission of DOR.
* Employment for individuals with disabilities, with a focus on job retention and career development opportunities
* Community living with services delivered through Independent Living Centers
* Disability Employment Justice, including accessibility and social attitudinal barriers
* Budget Priorities include using the increased reimbursement authority in the budget to pursue additional dollars from the Federal Government not utilized by other VR Agencies across the country.
* DAC members had an opportunity to ask questions, engage in an interactive discussion, express concerns about, and request guidance on:
  + Disability Advisory Committees in other departments contacting DOR DAC for assistance
  + Barriers to state employment

Public Comment

# 5) DAC Subcommittee Report Outs

* Group 2 – Timely Reasonable Accommodation presented current progress and answered questions about filing a request for reasonable accommodations. The Deputy Director of VRED emphasized that the important factors to consider in RA are effectiveness and needs.
* Group 4 – Other Events reported on the Playbook special hiring event on 6.13 and the upcoming events subcommittee members plan to highlight.
* Group 6 –Training provided updates on the status of their subcommittee efforts including their plan to reach out to high school and college students. Training Committee members plan to participate in Disability Etiquette Training in August.

Public Comment

# 6) Round Table

* No issues brought forward.

Public Comment Invited

## Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.