



## **Sacramento County Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council**

Draft Minutes: Zoom Meeting Held November 15, 2023

Members Present:

Sharon Martin  
Steve Andrews  
Maureen Fitzgerald  
Bonnie Douglas  
Patty Pacheco  
Patti Uplinger  
Dr. Sue Gilmore  
Loretta Duncan-Flower

Members Absent:

None

Guests:

Marty Omoto; California Disability Community Action Network  
Peter Mendoza; State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
John Decker; Alta California Regional Center

The Zoom DD Council Meeting was called to order at 9:04am by Steven Andrews. There was a quorum present and the Minutes from the October, 2023 Developmental Disabilities Council Meeting was briefly discussed during this Meeting and the Minutes were approved.

Marty Omoto, a long time friend to the County Council and Advocate for the Developmental Disabled population, spoke to the Council and provided a Power Point Presentation. Marty is a Parent and Founder/Executive Director of CDCAN- California Disability-Aging Community Action Network. Marty has consistently throughout the week sends out Emails regarding important Meetings to persons with Disabilities and the Aging Community.

Marty started his discussion clarifying that Shirley Klein, a woman who wrote poetry and also the Olmstead Supreme Court decision which required Individuals with disabilities to live in their communities instead of institutional settings.



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Marty reviewed a wide range of topics including upcoming Meetings with the Developmental Services Task Force Groups and Key Dates impacting the 2024-2025 State Budget. The process on the Department of Developmental Services Rate Model implementation was also identified. Direct Service Professionals (DSPs) are doing the training and receiving the training stipend.

Marty and the Council spent time discussing the impact on our field of Governor Newsom signing Legislation to increase Fast Food Workers wages in April 2024 and to increase wages of specified lower paid employees in the Health Care setting. Both of these increases will put extreme pressure on the DD Community Providers who pay wages ranging from minimum wage to a few dollars above. The need for reaching out to Lawmakers to identify how the two pieces of Legislation will lead to Workers leaving the lower paid DD Community Programs.

The Council was also told the important study going on addressing gaps in long term programs. The Department of Health and Care Services is conducting a Home and Community Based Services Gap Analysis to identify critical gaps in California's Medi-Cal Long Term Services and Supports Programs and Service Delivery System to meet the needs of Medi-Cal Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities. Marty stressed the importance of changes to Medi-Cal to more broadly address the whole person instead of only health care, such as addressing Housing needs

Maureen Fitzgerald commented on how Marty's long term advocacy has fundamentally changed how the Administration and various California State Departments interact and engage with the interested public. He helped set the standard for meaningful public engagement. Because of Marty's advocacy, including the 2017 Budget Bill language, he helped initiate the in depth look at our system through various efforts, including the ongoing Developmental Services Task Force.

The Council Members, John Decker, and Marty Omoto wished Patti Uplinger well on her retirement from the DD County Council after having served for over 15 years. The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors also passed a Resolution acknowledging her many years of advocacy in the Housing Field.



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The Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am. There will not be a DD Council Meeting on December 20, 2023. The next DD Council Meeting will be on January 17, 2024. A specific Guest Speaker for that January, 2024 DD Council Meeting was not finalized at this time.

Here is the Video of the DD Council Meeting:

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