

**Commission on Disabilities General Meeting
Minutes
January 26, 2017**

Present: Ligia Andrade, Susy Castoria, Rick Halloran, Randall Jones, Vincent Merola, Charlie Schuette, Scott Sinor, Charlie Weidanz

Absent: Jennifer Camota, Robert Hall, Helen Lo, Ramiro Maldonado, Caroline McHenry, Ashley Roehm

Ex-Officio Members: Lori Musso, Linda Young, Office of Education

Guests: Juda Tolmasoff, Office of Supervisor Groom; Veronica Navarro, Aimee Daly, Hal Schuette, Community Members

Staff: Michelle Makino, Community Services Manager, Craig McCulloh, Staff Liaison to the CoD, Community Program Analyst II, Aging and Adult Services

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/DECISION
Pledge of Allegiance	Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Although there was no flag in the room, members were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.	None
Introductions and Announcements	Commissioners and guests introduced themselves. There were no announcements.	None
Approval of the Minutes	Approval of the Minutes from November 17, 2016 were postponed due to a lack of a quorum.	None
Oral Communications	Aimee Daly read a letter outlining concerns of how GGRC handled the closure and clients of four adult residential facilities operated by Social Vocational Services. Of particular concern was the manner in which displaced clients were placed out-of-county throughout the State, away from their families and communities, and without their input on their preferences.	Issues to be referred to the CoD Executive Committee.
Guest Presentation	Lori Musso, Administrator, Curriculum and Instruction Services, and Linda Young, Principal K-12, San Mateo County Office of Education gave an overview of the Office of Education.	
Staff Report	Michelle Makino gave an update on the proposed Governor's Budget and how the funding of the Coordinated Care Initiative will be given back to the counties. Craig McCulloh introduced Hal Schuette who was a classmate at Burlingame High School of Ed Roberts who is known as the founder of the disabilities rights movement in the U.S. Hal shared his Class of 1956 year book that was dedicated to Ed Roberts. He also announced about the passing of the father of Commissioner Lo.	None
President's Report	President Castoria reported on the CoD interviews of prospective Commissioners and reviewed how the CoD is an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors.	None
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoD Executive Committee-Susy Castoria, Chair The Executive Committee meeting was sparsely attended. Committee discussed having a standardized format for CoD Committee meeting reports so that they can be posted on the CoD's website. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ADA Compliance Committee - Susy Castoria, Chair</u> The Committee reviewed a RFP to update the County's ADA Transition Plan and to conduct ADA Site Evaluations by a CASp certified person. Costs for this process will be high. A less costly alternative would be for the ADA Compliance Committee to have tablets and software to make ADA Site Evaluations more efficient and effective. • <u>Legislation, Advocacy & Outreach Committee – Ligia Andrade, Chair:</u> No report • <u>Special Events Committee- Randall Jones, Chair</u> Role of this Committee will be to support the other CoD Committees with planning and the logistics of events. Will also be working on the CoD Inclusion Festival, CoD Networking Events, possibly a CoD Luncheon and the Art Showcase. • <u>Youth & Family Committee –Vincent Merola, Chair</u> Planning has begun for the 2017 Transition to Independence Fair. Employment will also be an issue that the Youth and Family Committee will focus on this year. Committee needs other Commissioners to step up and participate. 	
Liaison Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Liaison reports were discussed as follows: Commissioner Schuette reported on the January CoA meeting where several new Commissioners were welcomed. The CoA discussed some issues regarding SamTrans Senior Mobility Plan and distributed flyers about Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Prevention. Commissioner Merola reported on the upcoming Regional Paratransit Coordinating Council Summit scheduled for Feb. 21st 10am. -2:00 p.m. at SamTrans headquarters. 	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Andrade recommended having a CoD Calendar and that she was willing to be the point person to develop and update the calendar with CoD events. President Castoria announced about an Open House at the Light House for the Blind in San Francisco. 	
Adjournment	The Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.	
	Next Meeting: Thursday, February 23, 2017 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Bali Room at 400 Harbor Blvd. in Belmont.	