

**Commission on Disabilities General Meeting
Minutes
April 27, 2017**

Present: Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Susy Castoria, Robert Hall, Rick Halloran, Randall Jones, Helen Lo, Caroline McHenry, Vee Navarro, Nathan Perkins, Angela Piazza, Lawrence Riegler, Ashley Roehm, Charlie Weidanz, Hannah Whiteside

Absent: Ligia Andrade, Jennifer Camota, Ramiro Maldonado, Charlie Schuette, Shuo Zhang

Ex-Officio Members: Trang Nguyen, Gatepath; Linda Young, Office of Education

Guests: Allison Graham, Abilities United; Juda Tolmasoff, Office of Supervisor Groom; Nina Rhee, Diana Cervantes, Jansen Sajise, IHSS Aging and Adult Services

Staff: Lisa Mancini, Director, 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	The Minutes from March 23, 2017 were reviewed by the Commission.	Minutes were approved as written (M/S/C Roehm/Hall) Commissioner Jones abstained.
Oral Communications	Allison Graham from Abilities United updated the Commission regarding H.R. 620 "The ADA Education and Reform Act of 2107". The staff at Abilities United had reviewed this legislation at a staff meeting and felt that it was important to get the word out about this legislation which was introduced in January of this year. There are concerns about this bill as it requires extra steps and notification requirements before a person with disabilities can take legal action regarding removing barriers to accessibility in public accommodations. It also extends the timelines for the business owners to remove barriers. Commissioner Halloran announced that the Pacific ADA Center and the Great Lakes ADA Center are sponsoring a webinar next week on H.R. 620.	As individual citizens, people can contact their Congressional representatives. The Commission recommended that the Legislation, Advocacy and Outreach Committee review this bill at their next meeting. Staff to send out information about the ADA webinar.
Guest Presentation	"Overview of the San Mateo County's In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program:" Nina Rhee, Health Services Manager I from Aging and Adult Services who oversees the IHSS program gave an extensive presentation regarding the program administration and requirements, the clients being served and the providers who provide the services to 5,000 clients with disabilities in San Mateo	None

	<p>County. Ms. Rhee, in her presentation included several of the questions that the CoD had submitted in advance to her. In summation, Ms. Rhee said that IHSS is not a 24 hour care program, nor an emergency program with medically trained professional care providers, with intensive case management. She went on to say that IHSS is a non-medical, non-companion program that has a team who assesses for functional abilities and applies State regulations to authorized time for a care provider to assist the client in their home. The primary focus is on supporting seniors and people with disabilities to reside safely in the homes.</p>	
Staff Report	<p>Lisa Mancini gave an update on the proposed State Budget. At this time, the Coordinated Care Initiative is still being proposed to be eliminated. The Governor's May Revise of the State Budget will be more telling in what we might anticipate what the impact will be for our County.</p>	None
President's Report	<p>April is Volunteer Recognition month. Supervisor Groom's Office provided yellow roses and thank you notes for the Commissioners. President Castoria reported on the Board of Supervisors (BoS) initial meeting about the County's Budget and how Supervisor Groom put in a request for \$5 million in funding specifically for Redi-Wheels. The BoS is considering allocating \$40 Million for affordable and accessible housing.</p>	None
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CoD Executive Committee-Susy Castoria, Chair:</u> The Nominating Committee will need to be formed to meet in May to determine the Slate of CoD Officers for 2017-18 which will be presented at the May CoD General Meeting. Commissioner Lo will again Chair this Committee. Commissioners, Halloran, Jones, Roehm and Whiteside volunteered to serve on this Committee. • <u>ADA Compliance Committee - Susy Castoria, Chair:</u> The RFP for a CAsp Certified Access Specialist was issued to help update the County's ADA Transition Plan and to conduct ADA Site Evaluations of County-owned or leased facilities. So far, there has been a lot of interest in this position. • <u>Legislation, Advocacy & Outreach Committee – Robert Hall Co-Chair:</u> The Accessible Parking Video project has been deferred, but still looking for possible funding sources for this project. The Committee worked on finalizing the questions for today's IHSS presentation. In addition, two of the Committee members met with the Correctional Health Staff at the Maguire Correctional Facility to discuss the experiences of inmates with disabilities. The meeting included a tour of the facility and a presentation by inmates in the "Choices" program. The Committee will discuss scheduling a larger tour of the facility for CoD Commissioners in the future. • <u>Special Events Committee- Randall Jones, Chair:</u> Commissioner Jones announced that there was no meeting this month as the agenda was not posted within the 72 hour time requirement under the Brown Act. Committee members did convene informally to discuss their interests regarding the CoD 	None

	<p>and people with disabilities. Commissioner Jones expressed his disagreement with this situation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth & Family Committee –Charlie Wiedanz, Interim Chair: Trang Nguyen from Gatepath reported regarding the 2017 Transition to Independence Fair (TIF). This year, Ms. Nguyen is serving as the Coordinator for the TIF. The date, location and time of the TIF has been confirmed. The TIF will be held on Saturday, October 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. hosted by Sequoia High School in Redwood City. Subcommittees are being formed and the initial marketing and communication is underway. Volunteers will be needed the most on the day of the event. Since this a signature event for the CoD, Commissioners will be asked to help out at the event. Volunteer roles for Commissioners will be identified about two months before the event. 	
Liaison Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Development Block Grant Committee: Commissioner Jones reported that he is going to step down as this Liaison. Commissioner Halloran is interested in serving as his replacement. His appointment needs to go through the Board of Supervisors. • Mental Health and Substance Abuse Recovery Commission: Commissioner Hall reported that Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) is requesting funding from the Board of Supervisors to have in-patient psychiatric pods in the Maguire Correctional Facility to treat inmates with acute psychiatric disabilities. • Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC): Craig McCulloh reported that recently approved legislation at the State level requires each Elections Departments to develop a plan for accessible voting, which includes public hearings to receive input from the disabilities community. The San Mateo County Elections Office is currently working on this plan, and will have the VAAC review the plan and to participate in the public hearings. The VAAC also has two new members from Disabilities Rights California. Commissioner Jones announced that he is resigning from the VAAC and encouraged other Commissioners to apply. 	
Other Business	<p>Commissioner Navarro brought up the need for inclusive playgrounds in the County. Magical Bridge is building an accessible playground at Red Morton Park in Redwood City. The County Parks Department is considering having Magical Bridge build an accessible playground at their Flood Park which is in Menlo Park. Commissioner Navarro also brought up the issue about public bicycle rental programs to offer accessible bicycles.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>The Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.</p>	
	<p>Next Meeting: Thursday, May 25, 2017 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Human Services Agency, Building B 400 Harbor Blvd., Belmont in the Belize Room.</p>	

