

**Commission on Disabilities General Meeting
Minutes
May 28, 2015**

Present: Ligia Andrade, Gwendolyn Barnhart, Susy Castoria, Jim Engvall, Robert Hall, Dylan Hayden, Rob Heagy, Randy Jones, Helen Lo, Ramiro Maldonado, Vincent Merola, Ashley Roehm, Scott Sinor, Charlie Weidanz

Absent: Eleanor Britter Lindquist, Mei-Mei Chun-Moy (Youth Commissioner), Gerda Cohn, , Lucy Hupp Williams, Caroline McHenry, Skye Parker

Ex-Officio Members: Angela Bruno Castro, Mental Health Association of SMCO, Linda Young, Office of Education, Coli Bertucelli, Community Gatepath

Guests: Mike Callagy, Deputy County Manager, Aimee Armsby, Deputy County Counsel, Juda Tolmasoff, Supervisor Groom’s Office, George Culores, Heart & Soul; Nicholas Chang, Bob Botiari, Community, Lorelei Bresler, Aging and Adult Services

Staff: Craig McCulloh, Community Program Analyst II, Aging and Adult Services

Item	DISCUSSION	ACTION/DECISION
Pledge of Allegiance	Meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. and 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 April 23, 2015 were not available.	None
Oral Communications	George Culores from Heart & Soul announced new location of their office which is 210 Industrial Road, Suite 205, San Carlos	None
Staff Report	Craig McCulloh reviewed the Authority to Host list of CoD events.	None
President’s Report	Commission viewed a short video, “Can’t Get There From Here” which was written and produced by President Castoria and members of the ADA Compliance Committee specifically for the ADA Symposium. Star of the video was former CoD Commissioner, Joseph Del Aguila.	None
CoD Orientation	Aimee Armsby, Deputy County Counsel provided a comprehensive overview of the Brown Act. Mike Callegy, Deputy County Manager discussed the importance of boards and commissions to the function of County government. Craig McCulloh, Staff Liaison to the CoD gave an overview of Aging and Adult Services and the Health System reporting structure as well as the CoD Mission, Vision and Purpose Statements. President Castoria discussed what is expected of Commissioners and attendance and	None

<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>participation on at least one CoD Committee and assistance with major CoD events and activities. She also spoke about service dog etiquette.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Executive Committee –Susy Castoria, Chair:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. County Disaster Prep Day-June 6th-CoD will have a resource table and Commissioners Hall and Heagy are coordinating staffing. 2. Update on Alternative Venues for CoD Meetings- Starting in June through October, the parking lot at 225 37th Avenue will be undergoing the installation of solar panels and will be closed in various phases. Health System requested that all public meetings be held off-site at other venues. Staff has reserved different meeting locations and has developed a list of the locations of our meetings. 3. California #ADA Conference-being sponsored by the California Federation of Independent Living Centers-(CFILC) on September 25th & 26th in San Francisco in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the ADA. • <u>ADA Compliance Committee - Susy Castoria, Chair</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on ADA Transition Plan/ Projects –ADA Transition Plan Projects are primarily focused on improving the accessibility of the West Entrance and the Aging and Adult Services Reception Area at 225 37th Avenue. 2. Report on the ADA Symposium-which was training for County Employees focused on Title II of the ADA. The training went very well and was positively received by the 125 attendees. The ADA Compliance Committee plans to work with County Counsel on developing a Title I in-service for County Employees within the next year. • <u>Nominating Committee- Helen Lo, Chair</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation of the 2015-16 Slate of CoD Officers- was moved up on the agenda due to the early pick up time by Redi-Wheels of the Chair. It was unanimously approved by the Commissioners for the change in the agenda. The Nominating Committee met on May 21st and came up with the following slate of officers: President-Susy Castoria, Vice-President-Scott Sinor, Secretary-Ramiro Maldonado. Election will be held at the June 25th CoD General Meeting which at that time, nominations will be accepted from the floor. • <u>Legislation, Advocacy & Outreach Committee – Ligia Andrade, Chair:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on Accessible Parking Education & Enforcement- Committee is recommending that the CoD target the month of 	
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	<p>October to conduct an awareness campaign about accessible parking and to work with the County Sheriff's Office to intensify the enforcement of accessible parking along with other law enforcement entities in the County. The Committee is currently discussing this issue with the Under Sheriff.</p> <p>2. Outreach for Supplemental Home Delivered Meals Program The Committee is exploring ways to help get the word out about this program which serves people with disabilities under age 60. This program is similar to the Older Americans Act funded program for people over 60. However, in recent years, the Supplemental Program has experienced a steep decline in the number of persons being served.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Events Committee – Scott Sinor, Chair <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on 2015 Art Showcase- After reviewing several potential venues, keeping the event at the Hall of Justice Caldwell Gallery proved to be the only viable and accessible venue at this time. The Committee will work on addressing some of the problems in the organization and layout of the event. We hope to exhibit more art this year. • Youth & Family Committee –Vincent Merola, Chair <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transition to Independence Fair (TIF) 2015 –A number of Transition Specialists from four different school districts have joined the Committee to help plan the TIF tentatively scheduled for either the first two weekends in October. Other community partners have come on board to help as well. 	
<p>Liaison Reports</p>	<p>Due to a lack of time remaining in the meeting, the Liaison reports were not covered. Remaining agenda items were not covered as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Commission on Aging – Chair Vacant: No report • Commission on Aging Adult Abuse Prevention Committee – Chair Vacant: No report • Community Development Block Grant Susy Castoria: No report • Golden Gate Regional Center – Chair Vacant: No report • Health Plan of San Mateo Consumer Advisory Committee – Susy Castoria: No report 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>IHSS Advisory Committee – Helen Lo, Chair:</u> Written report was emailed earlier to Commissioners. • <u>Mental Health and Substance Abuse Recovery Commission –Chair Vacant:</u> No report • <u>New Beginning Coalition – Chair Vacant:</u> No report • <u>Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) – Jim Engvall:</u> No report • <u>Youth Commission – Mei-Mei Chung-Moy:</u> No report 	
Updates on Non-Agendized Disabilities Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reports 	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Adjournment	Meeting was closed at 5:02 p.m.	
	Next Meeting is Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Belmont Emergency Operations Center, 2 nd Floor, Belmont	