

**Commission on Disabilities General Meeting
Minutes
September 22, 2016**

Present: Ligia Andrade, Susy Castoria, Robert Hall, Rick Halloran, Helen Lo, Ramiro Maldonado, Caroline McHenry, Vincent Merola, Ashley Roehm, Charlie Weidanz

Absent: Jennifer Comota, Randall Jones, Charlie Scheutte, Scott Sinor

Ex-Officio Members:

Linda Young, Office of Education; Trang Nyugen, Gatepath

Guests: Juda Tolmasoff, Office of Supervisor Groom; Kathy Reyes, AOD BHRS; Donald Orr, Aging and Adult Services

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

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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 May 26, 2016 were approved with as amended showing Commissioner Halloran being present.	M/S/C Merola/Hall w/Weidanz abstaining.
Oral Communications	Kathy Reyes from AOD, BHRS talked about needing resources for a needs assessment being conducted by BHRS.	Ms. Reyes to contact CoD staff for more information.
Staff Report	None	None
President's Report	None	None
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoD Executive Committee-Susy Castoria, Chair <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CoD's Successful 25th Anniversary Luncheon-President Castoria and others congratulated the CoD for hosting a very successful event on August 26th. Mr. Maltbie's comments about the CoD's role in assuring "democracy" for people with disabilities was a gleaming moment of the event. 2. Overview of CoD Executive Committee's Leadership Workshop/CoD Strategic Planning-The workshop held on August 18th was facilitated by Gladys Balmas, Management Analyst from AAS and was attended by the Exec. Committee, Juda 	

Tolmasoff from Supervisor Groom's Office and Lisa Mancini, Director of AAS, and Michelle Makino, Program Services Manager at AAS. As a result, the theme of "Create, Connect and Educate" was established as the focus of the CoD for the upcoming year. In addition, defined roles of the Co-Vice Presidents and Secretary were established. CoD Strategic Planning and Goal Setting will continue in the ensuing months.

3. **Committees/Leadership**- President Castoria announced that Commissioner Jones would take over as Chair of the Special Events Committee which is being re-instated as a Standing Committee of the CoD.
 4. **CoD's Inclusion Festival**-being moved to the Spring 2017. Conflict with Medi-Cal's 50th Anniversary Celebration came up on the October date that the Inclusion Festival was scheduled.
 5. **CoD Resource Table at Housing Authority Resource Expo, October 1st**- Commissioners Weidanz, Andrade, Hall and Halloran volunteered to staff the CoD table at this event.
 6. **CoD Board Presentation for Disabilities Awareness Month on October 18th**- President Castoria encouraged as many Commissioners as possible to attend the presentation at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers in RWC.
 7. **Committee to Focus on Issues Related to Inmates with Disabilities**- As issues came up during the ADA Compliance Committee's ADA review of the new jail, the Executive Committee discussed having the CoD Legislation, Advocacy and Outreach Committee research issues involving inmates with disabilities and the services available to them during their incarceration. Commissioners interested in this topic are encouraged to attend the Committee's meetings.
 8. **CID and CoD Disabilities Film Series**-Two more films remaining, "MARWENCOL" on Friday, September 23rd and "Life, Animated on Wednesday, October 19th. Both at the San Mateo Public Library.
- **ADA Compliance Committee - Susy Castoria, Chair**
President Castoria updated the CoD on the current status of the temporary fix of the accessible parking at 225 37th Ave., and the

	<p>inaccessible installation of the blue light emergency call station at the same location.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Legislation, Advocacy & Outreach Committee</u> – Ligia Andrade, Chair: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allocation of \$1,000 from the Disabilities Trust Fund toward funding the Accessible Parking Education and Enforcement Campaign Video Project. The CoD unanimously approved this funding to help move this project forward toward securing additional financial support from other stakeholders. • <u>Youth & Family Committee</u> –Vincent Merola, Chair <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on the Planning of the 2016 Transition to Independence Fair- Commissioner Merola discussed the highlights of this upcoming event event which is scheduled for Sat. October 15th at El Camino H.S. in SSF. and stressed the need for volunteers from the CoD to help out the day of the event. 	M/S/C Hall/Weidanz
Liaison Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Liaison reports were discussed as follows: The Landmark Project will be piloted for IHSS/Cal Medi-Connect clients enrolled in the HPSM. The PCC is planning a Regional Transportation Summit in Jan. or Feb. of 2017. 	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Andrade provided information on recent Rent Stabilization Ballot Measures. • Commissioner Hall announced about the Hearing Loss Association Expo on Oct. 8th at the Belmont Sports Complex 	
Adjournment	The Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.	
	Next Meeting: Thursday, October 27, 2016 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at 225 37 th Avenue, Room 100 San Mateo	