

**Commission on Disabilities General Meeting
Minutes
September 24, 2015**

Present: Ligia Andrade, Susy Castoria, Gerda Cohn, Robert Hall, Randy Jones, Helen Lo, Ramiro Maldonado, Vincent Merola, Ashley Roehm, Scott Sinor, Charlie Weidanz

Absent: Gwendolyn Barnhart, Mei-Mei Chun-Moy (Youth Commissioner), Jim Engvall, Rob Heagy, Lucy Hupp Williams, Caroline McHenry
Ex-Officio Members: Alice McGrath, Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Angela Bruno Castro, Mental Health Association of San Mateo County.

Guests: Aimee Armsby, Deputy County Counsel, Juda Tolmasoff, Supervisor Groom's Office,
Staff: Lisa Mancini, Director, Michelle Makino, Program Services Manager, Craig McCulloh, Community Program Analyst II, Aging and Adult Services

Item	DISCUSSION	ACTION/DECISION
Pledge of Allegiance	Meeting was called to order at 3:07 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 July 23, 2015 were not available.	None
Oral Communications	George Culores from Heart & Soul provided the new address and contact information for Heart & Soul's new location on Industrial Road in San Carlos.	None
Staff Report	Craig McCulloh reported that the CPSU of AAS was going to be moving to 801 Gateway Blvd. in SSF. in late March or early April of 2016. The HPSM owns the building and will be leasing to the 2 nd floor to the Health System. As of this time, CoD meetings will continue to be held at 225 37 th Ave. in San Mateo. Discussion ensued regarding concerns of the lack of public transportation to 801 Gateway.	None
President's Report	None	None
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee –Susy Castoria, President: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on Vacancies/Recruitment- Currently there are 5 vacancies and 6 applications received thus far. Interviews scheduled for October 13th. 2. Review of CoD Meeting Etiquette-Commissioner Hall reviewed the rules and emphasized the importance of being respectful of others' opinions. 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Letter to SamTrans in opposition to proposed fare increases-draft letter reviewed, and revamping of letter was recommended. Motion made and approved to accept the spirit of the letter and have staff work with the President and Commissioner Merola on a final letter. 4. 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. The Cod will present a workshop entitled, "Empowering People with Disabilities: A Case Study of the San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities." 5. Disabilities Awareness Month Presentation to the BoS- Tuesday, October 6th at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners were encouraged to attend. 6. Transition to Independence Fair- Saturday, October 10th 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. at Hillsdale High School-Commissioners were encouraged to attend and help out beginning at 10:00 a.m. 7. Art Showcase Reception and Silent Auction- Tuesday, October 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hall of Justice, RWC. Commissioners are expected to attend and help out beginning at 3:30 p.m. Sign-up sheet for different duties was passed around to Commissioners. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ADA Compliance Committee - Susy Castoria, Chair</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on County ADA Title II Policies-ADA Title II Coordinators from each department are being designated. 2. ADA Symposium Online Launch- being planned for some time in October or early November. 3. "Can't Get There for Here" Video Available on Youtube- The link for the video is now available. Commissioners were encouraged to view and share the link. • <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 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 	<p>Staff to re-work the letter with President Castoria and Commissioner Merola.</p> <p>President Castoria and Commissioners Andrade and Hall, along with Craig McCulloh will present the workshop on the 25th.</p>
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Liaison Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Commission on Aging – Chair Vacant:</u> No report • <u>Commission on Aging Adult Abuse Prevention Committee – Chair Vacant:</u> No report • <u>Community Development Block Grant Susy Castoria:</u> No report • <u>Golden Gate Regional Center – Chair Vacant:</u> No report • <u>Health Plan of San Mateo Consumer Advisory Committee – Susy Castoria</u> • <u>IHSS Advisory Committee – Helen Lo, Chair:</u> Two separate committees will be created 1) CA Medi-Connect Advisory Committee and 2) Public Authority Advisory Committee. The IHSS Advisory Committee will no longer exist. • <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"> • Patient No More-Traveling Exhibit –October 15-30 at the SMCOE • Active San Mateo County Conference –October 22nd at the Belmont Library. 	
Adjournment	Meeting was closed at 4:20 p.m.	
	Next Meeting is Thursday, October 22, 2015 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at 225 37 th Avenue, Room 100 San Mateo	