

**Commission on Disabilities General Meeting  
Minutes  
February 23, 2017**

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

Absent: Jennifer Camota, Helen Lo, Caroline McHenry, Ashley Roehm

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

Guests: The Honorable Carole Groom, Member, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, Juda Tolmasoff, Office of Supervisor Groom; Lisa Mancini, Director, Aging and Adult Services

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
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. Although there was no flag in the room, members were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.	None
<b>Introductions and Announcements</b>	Commissioners and guests introduced themselves. There were no announcements.	None
<b>Approval of the Minutes</b>	Approval of the Minutes from November 17, 2016 were reviewed. However, the Minutes from January 26 <sup>th</sup> were not available.	The November 17 <sup>th</sup> Minutes were approved as written <b>(M/S/C Schuette/Halloran)</b> Minutes from January 26 <sup>th</sup> will be reviewed at the March meeting.
<b>Oral Communications</b>	There were no Oral Communications	
<b>Guest Presentations</b>	Lisa Mancini, Director of Aging and Adult Services provided a detailed update on the Governor's Proposed Budget, and its impact on the Community Care Initiative (CCI) which is facing proposed elimination and the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) which is facing a proposed \$6.9 Million decrease to cover the costs for a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) that is being placed on the counties instead of the State.  CVI presentation.....	In response, the Commission voted to approve sending a letter to state legislators opposing these budget reductions. <b>(M/S/C Merola/Andrade)</b>
<b>Staff Report</b>	There was no report.	None
<b>President's Report</b>	There was no report.	None

<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>CoD Executive Committee-Susy Castoria, Chair</u></b> The Executive Committee meeting was again sparsely attended.</li> <li>• <b><u>ADA Compliance Committee - Susy Castoria, Chair</u></b> County Counsel is reviewing the RFP to update the County's ADA Transition Plan and to conduct ADA Site Evaluations by a CASp certified person. The RFP should be issued shortly.</li> <li>• <b><u>Legislation, Advocacy &amp; Outreach Committee – Ligia Andrade, Chair:</u></b> Accessible Parking Awareness Video may end up being scrapped due to a lack of available funding. Committee is setting up a meeting with Correctional Health to begin discussion of inmates with disabilities and how they are housed and the programs and services available to them during their incarceration and the assistance available to them upon their release back into the community. The Committee is also looking at coordinating a Disabilities Networking event with the other Boards and Commissions within the County. April's CoD General Meeting will focus on IHSS and will feature a presentation from Nina Rhee who manages the IHSS program.</li> <li>• <b><u>Special Events Committee- Randall Jones, Chair</u></b> Committee discussed having the Disabilities Networking event as a lunch after one of the CoA meetings. Also looking at sending letters to local art galleries to showcase artists with disabilities in October, also possibly having an online auction. In process of scheduling the CoD Inclusion Festival for some time in July at Orange Park in South San Francisco. Still considering having a CoD Luncheon, and looking at ways to bring down the price.</li> <li>• <b><u>Youth &amp; Family Committee –Vincent Merola, Chair</u></b> Planning has begun for the 2017 Transition to Independence Fair (TIF). Considering to hold the TIF at Sequoia High School in South County. The TIF will need a new coordinator as Commissioner Merola will be leaving the CoD. Trang Nguyen from Gatepath expressed interest in taking on this responsibility.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Liaison Reports</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Liaison reports were discussed as follows: The New Beginning Coalition meets on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 in Belmont at the Dept. of Housing in the Jupiter Room.</li> <li>• Commissioner Merola reported on the success of the Regional Paratransit Coordinating Council Summit that was held on Feb. 21st. There were 50 people in attendance and six Bay Area transportation agencies and paratransit coordinating councils represented. Main need discussed was for same day service. Commissioner Merola also reported on the VAAC and having two new applicants from Disability Rights California.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Andrade noted that the newly designed AAS calendar which includes the CoD Meetings was an improvement, but wanted to include more information about the individual meetings, ie, presentations and speakers. She</li> </ul>	

	<p>will contact Lindsey Joyner from AAS who develops and sends out the calendar to provide her ideas. President Castoria announced that the RWC Parks and Recreation Dept. is fundraising to build a Magical Bridge Playground at Red Morton Park. The person spearheading this effort was interested in doing a presentation for the CoD, for informational purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervisor Groom presented a commendation from the BOS acknowledging Vincent Merola for all his work on behalf of pwd.</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The Meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.	
	<p>Next Meeting: Thursday, March 23, 2017 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Room 100 at 225 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue in San Mateo.</p>	