



COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

MINUTES – 11/20/2025

Commission on Disabilities (CoD) General Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025, 3:00 – 4:45 PM

Location: 500 County Center, Manzanita Hall, Redwood City, CA

Item No.	Item Description
1.	<p><u>Review and Approval of Minutes and Agenda:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roll Call<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members Present: Alexandra Seeber, Angela Piazza, Matthew Cadigan, Timothy Ponti, Maya Ong Escudero, Evan Milburn, Lisa Weiner, Florence Wong, Gurpreet Padam, Benjamin CID• Members Absent: Michael Donovan• Members excused: Murdock,• Members Absent: Michelle Yoshimine• Public Present: Jayashree Nathaniel, Erick Forgaard from CEO.• Staff Present: Shawne O'Connell, Anna Sawamura, Melissa Sanchez, Lee Pullen• Approval of Minutes from October General Meeting and Approval of today's agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A motion to approve by Commissioner Cadigan. Seconded by Milburn. Motion passed.
3.	<p><u>Public Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No public comment.
4.	<p><u>President's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new business to report.
5.	<p><u>Staff Report</u> – Lee Pullen, Director of Aging and Disability Services (ADS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director Lee and other members of the ADS Commission and Providers Services Unit attended the 2025 C4A Annual Conference in Orange County from November 5th to November 7th. Sessions and networking opportunities included presentations from agencies across California and focused on emerging trends and innovative practices in service delivery. Particularly encouraging was the increased visibility and focus on AAAs serving individuals with disabilities.
6	<p><u>Presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Presented by Jayashree Nathaniel, MSW, MA – Manager, Regional Center Services, GGRC

7.	<p><u>CoD Committee Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee – Florence Wong, President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ No new business to report. • Special Events Committee – Angela Piazza, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Disabilities Arts Showcase wrap up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of the art pieces were sold. • The Daily Journal had a front page article on the Disabilities Arts Showcase. • ADA Compliance Committee – Matthew Cadigan Hearn and Angela Piazza, Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Commissioner Piazza has joined the committee and is the new Co-chair. • Legislation, Advocacy and Outreach Committee – Evan Milburn, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Youth and Family Committee has moved out of LAO. ◦ Commissioner Weiner and Commissioner Seeber are updating a spreadsheet with responses from the Cooling Center Letter. • Accessible Transportation Committee – Timothy Ponti and Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Reminder that on Monday November 24th at the CoD Accessible Transportation Committee meeting- Sue ellen Atkinson, SMCTA will be given a presentation on the county wide transportation plan aka The CTP update. ◦ Working on pamphlet on transportation. • Youth and Family Committee – Michael Donovan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Looking for someone from the youth commission to attend meetings. ◦ Committee is brainstorming areas of focus for future work plan. ◦ The Transition to Independence Fair (TIF) is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th from 10-2pm.
8.	<p><u>Ex-Officio Member Report Outs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities (CID) – Ben McMullan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ CID is helping to plan the TIF. ◦ Conducting outreach to consumers of the portable backup batteries received through PG&E's Disability Disaster Access and Resources Program. Trying to get testimonials from consumers that have utilized the program to save and keep the program funded.
9.	<p><u>Final Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments
10.	<p><u>Adjournment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Milburn, seconded by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn. Meeting adjourned. • Next Meeting Date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ January 22nd, 2026, 3:00pm – 5:00pm ◦ Location: 500 County Center, Manzanita Hall, Redwood City, CA