

MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

September 30, 2013 - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monterey County Administration Building
Monterey Room (2092), Second Floor
168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901

I. ROLL CALL AND GREETING OF VISITORS

Chair Henry Bergstresser called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Commissioners Present – Henry Bergstresser, Stella Lauerman, Wayne Johnson, Jose Vasquez, Lilia Chagolla, Olivia Quezada, Mario Salazar and Michael Bennett.

Commissioners Not Present – Gabriel Camacho, Steve Matarazzo, Steve McCullough, George Molano and Michael Ferry.

Guest and Staff Present – Equal Opportunity Officer Irma Ramirez-Bough, Administrative Secretary-Confidential Elisa Cantu, Equal Opportunity Specialist-Confidential Michelle Gomez, Associate Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonje Dayries, Deputy County Counsel Janet Holmes, and John Boulanger and John Duke of Gulf Coast Enterprises.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Boulanger of the Gulf Coast Enterprises indicated they have a contract with ABC in Seaside and would like to address the Commission regarding the employment of people with disabilities in information technology positions. Ms. Ramirez-Bough stated they will be placed on the agenda for the next Commission's meeting.

Commissioner Bennett reported that the sidewalks In the City of Marina from Wal-Mart to Reservation Road are almost completed. He stated the sidewalks will be ADA compliance.

Commissioner Chagolla announced that the Alliance is committed to partnering with agencies that are interested in educating the community in the enrollment of health coverage. This is not only for medical but for all of California. The Alliance will also be training the presenter on how to put presentations together to present to the community leaders and the community in regards to affordable health care.

Commissioner Johnson reported that he volunteered at Tatum's Garden and was very impressed with the number of volunteers that showed up. It was just great to see the amount and number of people that volunteered. Commissioner Lauerman stated that their agency was also there and she was impressed with the turn out.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chair made a correction to the minutes of July 29, 2013, to read that he is scheduling a presentation with the Carmel City Council. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes; s seconded by Commissioner Vasquez; minutes were approved as amended.

IV. IRMA RAMIREZ-BOUGH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER

a. Discuss the removal of Commissioners
Ms. Ramirez-Bough reported that pursuant to the Bylaws, Commissioner Camacho will be removed from the Commission. She will meet with Supervisor Armenta to inform him of the removal and asked that he appoint a new representative to the Commission. Ms. Ramirez-Bough reminded the Commissioners that it is imperative that Commissioners informed us when they will not be attending. Ms. Ramirez-Bough also informed the Commission, that the City of Pacific Grove has not appointed a representative despite the fact that we have written to them several times. Commissioner Lauerman stated she had talked to them also and was advised they would be appointing a new representative. Ms. Ramirez-Bough reported that the City of Salinas will be appointing a representative.

Commissioner Vasquez suggested that Commissioner Garcia be presented with a certificate of Appreciation. Staff informed him that we had previously invited Commissioner Garcia. We will definitely reach out to her again.

b. Discuss and approve Resolution

The Commissioners were provided with a Resolution declaring the month of October as Disability Awareness Month. Ms. Ramirez-Bough stated that, if the Commission agrees, she will submit the Resolution to the Board of Supervisors. Again, she asked that Commissioners notify Staff if they wish to submit other resolutions. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez; motion carried.

V. OPERATING AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL (OACC) REPORT-COMMISSIONER CHAGOLLA

Commissioner Chagolla indicated that the OACC which she was asked to participate in has not meet since July. The OACC was re-designing the coordination of disaster plans and it still needs to be presented to this Council and then to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Chagolla was under the impression that Commissioner Hicks was asked to join the OACC. She would like clarification from Staff. If Commissioner Hicks wishes to participate with the OACC, she will step down as she has other commitments. Ms. Ramirez-Bough stated she will get in contact with Commissioner Hicks.

VI. OUTREACH REPORT – COMMISSIONER LAUERMAN

Commissioner Lauerman gave an update on the outreach that has been done to date. Commissioner Hicks made a presentation to the Monterey City Council. Commissioner Bennett volunteered to do a presentation for the Marina City Council. Commissioner Vasquez will do King City and Greenfield. Commissioner Lauerman will provide him with a copy of the presentation.

VII. REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER BENNETT

a. Ft. Ord Council

Commissioner Bennett reported that the construction project, is moving forward on East Garrison; and that the Veterans Transition Center construction is moving along.

- b. In Home Supportive Service Advisory Committee
Commissioner Bennett reported that, unfortunately, he may have to step down from the In Home Supportive Service Advisory Committee. He stated that he is involved with other projects at this moment and does not have the time to attend the IHSS meetings.

VIII. DISCUSS AND APPROVE NOVEMBER 25, 2013 MEETING DATE

After some discussion on whether or not to move the date and/or keep it for the 25th; it was the Commission's consensus to keep the date of November 25th for their next meeting.

IX. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Brochure
Goals
Gulf Coast Enterprises
ADA Coordinator for the City of Monterey
Commissioner's presentation
Emergency Preparedness
Annual Report
Voting on Recognition of businesses
ADA Transition Plan

X. ANNOUNCEMENT AND EVENTS

Commissioner Lauerman announced that Camp Harmon is celebrating their 50th Anniversary on November 8, 2013. She will provide staff with flyer.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.