

MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

January 30, 2012 - 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 Alma Almanza called the meeting to order. She welcomed all Commissioners and introduced our new Commissioners, Michael Bennett, representing City of Marina and Gabriel Camacho, representing District #1.

Commissioners Present – Alma Almanza, Mario Salazar, Lilia Chagolla, Olivia Quezada, Jose Vasquez, Stella Lauerman, John Pinio, Steve McCullough, Henry Bergstresser, Eric Heckman, Gabriel Camacho, Robert Greene and Michael Bennett.

Commissioners Not Present – Carmelita Garcia, George Molano, Laura Harris and Steve Matarazzo.

Guest and Staff Present – Equal Opportunity Officer Irma Ramirez-Bough, Associate Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonje Dayries, Administrative Secretary-Confidential Elisa Cantu, Deputy County Counsel William Litt and Deputy County Counsel Heather Lenhardt. Guests: Director of Department of Social & Employment Services Elliott Robinson, Director of Health Department Ray Bullick, SCRAMP Manger and Vice President Gill Campbell, MST Transportation Services Director Robert Weber and PSA Manager Tom Hicks, Executive

Director of Central Coast Center for Independent Living Elsa Quezada and Area Agency on Aging Sam Trevino.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bergstresser made corrections to the minutes of November 28, 2011 as follows: 1) Commissioner Heckman should be marked absent; 2) Correction to his name from Harry to Henry. Commissioner Vasquez moved to approve the minutes of November 28, 2011 as amended; seconded by Commissioner McCullough. The minutes of November 28, 2011 were approved, as amended.

IV. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Due to some of the honorees having other commitments, the Chair commenced the meeting with item V. of the Agenda.

Commissioner Pinio presented Certificates of Recognition to the following:

Elliott Robinson, Director of Department of Employment & Social Services

for his commitment to providing care and services for disabled seniors, adults, and youth residing in Monterey County.

Ray Bullick, Director of Health Department

In recognition of providing access to high quality, culturally appropriate, customer friendly health services for disabled seniors, adults, and youth residing in Monterey County.

Elsa Quezada, Director of Central Coast Center for Independent Living

In recognition of their support in providing advocacy, education and support to people with disabilities, their families, and the community.

Robert Weber MST Transportation Services Director and PSA Manager Tom Hicks

In recognition of the special services they provide to the elderly and disabled community of Monterey County.

PSA Manager Tom Hicks addressed the Commission and stated that they have a travel training program that is free. Also new this year they have purchased accessible taxis. Three are on their way and they hope to have a total of 5 or 6. MST also has a taxi voucher program for people 65 years or older. They have an option to use the taxi voucher in lieu of calling for a bus. It is less expensive and family can travel at no additional cost.

Gill Campbell, General Manager and Vice President of SCRAMP

In recognition of their support in providing special services to its disabled spectators designed for ease of accessibility so they may fully enjoy the world-renowned race track.

V. UPDATE ON THE COMMISSION'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Commissioner Pinio stated that the Committee has worked out most of the details for the celebration. It will be held on

Friday, March 23, 2012 at the Red Bull Energy Center, Laguna Seca. Staff has emailed flyer to Commissioners and Board members. Letters went out to all city mayors and other entities. He and Ms. Ramirez-Bough made an announcement at the Department Heads meeting. Commissioner Pinio encouraged all Commissioners to attend. Commissioners McCullough and Camacho suggested honoring some of the veterans that have recently come back. Commissioner Camacho stated he could help with the transportation to the event. Commissioner McCullough will provide staff with their names.

VI. OUTREACH UPDATE

Commissioner Lauerman gave a brief power point presentation. She stated she had made the changes requested at the November 2011 meeting. Chair Almanza appointed Commissioner McCullough and Commissioner Bennett to the Outreach Committee. Commissioner Lauerman asked if the Commissioners were in agreement for the Outreach committee to give presentations to other organizations and other county departments. The committee will meet to discuss an action plan.

Commissioner Camacho had questions on the nomination process for recognition. Staff will provide him with the Nomination Form.

VII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Discuss the fire incident in Marina

- CCCIL to provide disability awareness training to the Commission on May 21, 2012

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Commissioner Lauerman announced that the Kernes Pool will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary on the 28th of April at the Community Center in Monterey. She will provide staff with flyer.

Ms. Elsa Quezada reminded the Commissioners that March is Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month. She said there will be an exhibit on brain injury at the National Steinbeck Center from February 3 through the end of March. More information to come.

Commissioner Quezada announced that CCCIL has several positions available. She will provide staff with all information. Commissioner McCullough provided the Commission with the crisis telephone number (800 273 8255) for Veterans.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to attend, meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.