

# MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

May 14, 2012 - 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 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 to 1:15 p.m.

Commissioners Present – Alma Almanza, Mario Salazar, Gabriel Camacho, George Molano, Bob Greene, Olivia Quezada, Jose Vasquez, Stella Lauerman, Henry Bergstresser, and Eric Heckman.

Commissioners Not Present – John Pinio, Lilia Chagolla, Steve McCullough, Michael Bennett, Carmelita Garcia and Steve Matarazzo.

Guest and Staff Present – Associate Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonje Dayries, Administrative Secretary-Confidential Elisa Cantu, Equal Opportunity Specialist-Confidential Michelle Gomez, and Deputy County Counsel Heather Lenhardt. Guests: Sandra Blackburn and Katrina McCullough from the State Department of Rehabilitation.

- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Bergstresser made a correction to the minutes of March 23, 2012; Page 4 third sentence word was omitted; it should read: *met with Congressman Sam Farr and he was very excited when...* Commissioner Lauerman made a motion to approve the minutes as

amended; seconded by Commissioner Vasquez; the minutes of March 23, 2012 were approved as amended.

#### **IV. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER TO THE IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chair Almanza stated that she spoke with Commissioner Bennett about being appointed to the In Home Support Services Advisory Committee (IHSSAC) and he accepted. Commissioner Camacho made a motion to appoint Commissioner Bennett to the IHSSAC; seconded by Commissioner Quezada; motion carried.

#### **V. DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING**

Chair Almanza introduced Sandy Blackburn and Katrina McCullough, facilitators from the Department of Rehabilitation. Ms. Blackburn gave a brief description of what would be covered in the training. She spoke of Richard Pimental, who developed the Windmill Training. Ms. Blackburn discussed some of the disabilities and their limitations. The challenges persons with disabilities face in seeking employment; what effect it has in the work-place. How people react around persons with disabilities. Throughout the training Commissioners participated in several scenarios.

The Chair thanked Ms. Blackburn and Ms. McCullough for taking the time to provide training to the Commissioners on such important issues. The Chair also thanked those Commissioners present and stated this will allow the Board to recognize how committed the Commissioners are in moving forward with their goals.

## **VI. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Invite Irene Cole and Robert Taniguchi to discuss In Home Support Services and the impact it will have on the community
- Training on the Brown Act
- Discussion on amending the Bylaws
- Revisit Power point

Commissioner Lauerman requested that staff provide them with the latest copy of the power point presentation. Have the Commissioners take one last look and make any changes if, necessary. Commissioner Lauerman also suggested that all Commissioners take part in presenting the power point to City Councils.

- Disaster Preparedness Presentation
- Discussion on the Marina fire and Legislation

The Chair informed the Commissioners that Commissioner McCullough was not able to arrange the meeting with the Assemblymen due to health issues. She did inquire and was advised that the Commission invite Assemblyman Bill Monning to one of their meetings and raise their concerns. He will inform the Commission if he is interested in taking on this matter. If so, he can ask Assemblyman Luis Alejo to co-sponsor the bill. She also stated that Ms. Ramirez-Bough suggested that Nick Chiulos from Legislative Affairs be invited to help navigate the meeting with Assemblymen Monning and Alejo.

## **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS**

Commissioner Quezada stated there will be a workshop for caregivers. She will e-mail flyer.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to attend, meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.