

MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

March 30, 2009 - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Monterey County Administration Building
Monterey Conference Room, Second Floor
168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901**

- I. **ROLL CALL AND GREETING OF VISITORS** – Chair Almanza called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Commissioners Present – Vice Chair James Bogan, Debra Bolger, Carmelita Garcia, Eric Heckman, Carolyn Hinds, Candise Pratt, George Molano, John Pinio, and Jose Vasquez.

Commissioners Not Present – Robert Greene and Mario Salazar.

Guests and Staff Present – Associate Equal Opportunity Analyst Bonita Monarque, Administrative Secretary-Confidential Elisa Cantu and Assistant County Counsel Lee Blankenship.

- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2009 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Pinio. The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

- IV. **DISCUSSION ON GREENFIELD BRIDGE**

Commissioner Vasquez stated he would like the Commission to request that the Board draft a letter to Cal Trans regarding the accessibility problems that currently exist with the bridges in Greenfield. Assistant County Counsel Blankenship advised that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting as an action item. Mr. Blankenship also suggested that the Commission copy TAMC and the City of Greenfield.

V. REPORT ON NONPROFIT ALLIANCE OF MONTEREY COUNTY COUNTY WIDE INITIATIVE

Commissioner Pinio stated that Alliance of Monterey County is a nonprofit agency with approximately 25 members. Some Commissioners had questions as to what the Agency expects from this Commission. Chair Almanza stated the Agency would like the Commission to participate in providing feedback on services provided to people with disabilities. Commissioner Garcia suggested that a representative from the Agency be invited to the next meeting to address these issues. Chair Almanza will extend an invitation to the Agency.

VI. DECLARE MARCH AS TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY MONTH

Chair Almanza thanked Commissioner Bolger for bringing this issue to the attention of the Commission. Commissioner Pinio stated that the CAO Lew Bauman presented Chair Almanza with the Resolution at the Board's meeting on March 24, 2009. He said that also present were members of other organizations and Richard Garza from the Military and Veteran's Affairs. The Commission agreed that CCCIL should have the honor of keeping the Resolution at their office.

VII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Bogan stated he had no report at this time.

VII. DISCUSSION ON ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY/AUDIT

Commissioner Garcia stated that there were some changes made to the Accessibility Audit now Accessibility Survey/Audit. She suggested that the Commissioners review the revised documents and that it be placed as an action item for the May meeting.

VIII. REPORT ON IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Hinds stated she had no report as she was on vacation in Brazil.

IX. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Action Item - Greenfield bridges

Action Item - Accessibility Survey/Audit

Guest speaker from Nonprofit Alliance of Monterey County

Report on Senate Bill 1608 – E O Officer

X. ANNOUNCEMENT AND EVENTS

Commissioner Bogan stated the Board will hold a “Welcome Home Troops” celebration on April 21, 2009. He encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Garcia announced that the Senate recently passed SB 1608 which relates to accommodations for people with disabilities. Commissioner Garcia would like for Mr. Medrano to give a brief summary of the Bill at the next meeting.

Commissioner Pinio announced he will not be present at the next meeting as he will be on vacation in Hawaii.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

