

MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

March 31, 2008 - 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 Almanza called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Commissioners Present – Alma Almanza, James Bogan, Debra Bolger, Carmelita Garcia, Eric Heckman, Carolyn Hinds, David Miller, George Molano, and Jose Vasquez.

Commissioners Not Present – John Pinio and Carolyn Hinds.

Guest and Staff Present – Robin Whiteley from The Blind and Visually Impaired Center, Deputy County Counsel Allen Bidwell, Associate Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonjé Dayries, Associate Equal Opportunity Analyst Bonita Monarque, and Administrative Secretary Confidential Elisa Cantu.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 25, 2008 meeting were approved.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. A motion was made and unanimously approved to recommend that the Board of Supervisors recognize Head Injury Awareness month.
- B. Commissioner Bolger showed a video on head injuries. She also informed the Commission that the New Options Traumatic Brain Injury Project was coming to Monterey County.

C. Discuss and Approve 2008 goals – The commissioners tabled this item until the April 28, 2008 meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Outreach Committee Report – No report.

Ad Hoc Membership Drive Committee Report – Commissioner Garcia requested that the Equal Opportunity office provide the committee with the procedures to fill current or new seats on the commission.

VI. COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATION TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Commissioner Hinds, who represents the Commission on Disabilities on the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee, gave an update on that committee's work.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT AND EVENTS

Commissioner Heckman announced that actress Marlee Matlin will star in a movie about parents who disagree on their child getting a cochlear implant.

Guest Robin Whitely announced that there will be a Diabetes Symposium at Las Palmas Country Club. The cost of the event, which includes lunch, is \$95.

Commissioner Bolger announced that the New Options Traumatic Brain Injury Project will hold its first meeting on April 7th.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA

Discuss and Approve 2008 goals.

Approve recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to write a letter opposing budget cuts to Medi-Cal.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Almanza declared the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.