

MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

May 19, 2008 - 2:30 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** – The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m.

Commissioners Present – Alma Almanza, James Bogan, Carmelita Garcia, Eric Heckman, Carolyn Hinds, George Molano, John Pinio, Candise Pratt, Jose Vasquez and Robin Whiteley.

Commissioners Not Present – Debra Bolger, Robert Greene, and David Miller.

Guest and Staff Present – Deputy County Counsel Ellen Jahn, 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 March 31, 2008 meeting were approved.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The commissioners approved 2 of the 3 recommended goals. Chair Almanza appointed Commissioners Heckman, Molano, Pratt, and Almanza to a subcommittee to develop a plan to accomplish these goals. Chair Almanza recommended further discussion on the goals with guidance from County Counsel.
- B. Chair Almanza informed the commission that Central Coast Alliance for Health will reduce the number of non-emergency rides

provided. This change will result in an increase of passengers utilizing the MST RIDES program. Additional impacts to the MST RIDES program include an increase in annual operating expenses which currently is not funded, capacity problems with existing fleet, and poor on-time performance.

Commissioner Pinio offered to bring this issue before the legislative committee on behalf of the commission.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Outreach Committee Report – No report.

Membership Drive Ad Hoc Committee Report – No Report.

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

Vice-Chair Bogan asked that all commissioners celebrate veterans on Memorial Day because veterans are our future.

Chair Almanza, on behalf of the commission, attended the Monterey Bay Sports Veterans Inc. Sports Rehab Center Fishing Derby Luncheon.

Commissioner Whiteley announced that the Blind & Visually Impaired Center of Monterey County (BVIC) will sponsor a Vision Care Day on Saturday June 21, 2008. The event is designed especially for caregivers and clients. Commissioner Whitely also invited the commissioners to make an appointment to tour the center if they could not attend the event.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA

Report from the Goals Subcommittee.

Commissioner Pinio to report on the outcome of his presentation of the MST RIDES program issue to the legislative committee.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Almanza declared the meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.