

Minutes for the Monterey County Commission on Disabilities



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MONDAY, April 30, 2007 2:00 PM

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MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Monterey County Administration Building
Monterey Room (2092), Second Floor
168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901

I. ROLL CALL AND GREETING OF VISITORS – Chair Pinio called the meeting to order at 2:00.

Commissioners Present – MaryLea Almeida, James Bogan, Carmelita Garcia, Eric Heckman, Carolyn Hinds, and John Pinio.

Commissioners Not Present – Alma Almanza, Anna Foglia, and Manuel Ramos.

Guest and Staff Present – Public Information Officer for Monterey County Health Department Karen Smith; Assistant County Counsel Lee Blankenship; Associate Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonjé Dayries; and Administrative Secretary Confidential Elisa Cantu.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 26, 2007 meeting were approved as amended. The minutes will be amended to reflect the change that Chair Pinio will send a copy of the recognition letter to AT&T to Maia Carroll to draft a press release.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Karen Smith, Public Information Officer for Monterey County Health Department

Ms Smith discussed disaster preparedness for public health threats. She told the commissioners that if you can plan for a pandemic, you can plan for anything. She also announced that The Health Department has conducted four pandemic flu summits and another will be held in September for faith based and community organizations. Portions of the summit will be on the

government channel soon.

B. Discussion Item – Court Accessibility for People with Disabilities

Commissioner Garcia expressed concerned that the Superior Court website did not have information about obtaining accommodations when needed.

Lee Blankenship informed the Commissioners that the Superior Courts are not subject to the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors. He suggested that interest groups schedule an appointment with Lisa Galdos, Court Executive Officer. Commissioner Bogan suggested the commission invite Ms. Galdos to a meeting to discuss what the courts do to provide accessibility for all the disabled.

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Outreach Committee Report – Commissioner Bogan distributed a Nominee form developed by the Outreach Committee. Chair Pinio will give a copy of the AT&T recognition letter to Maia Carroll and ask her to draft a press release. Ad Hoc Membership Drive Committee Report – Commissioner Heckman reported on the recommendations developed by the committee. The committee will make follow up calls to the cities in two weeks. Commissioner Foglia volunteered to contact Seaside. Chair Pinio will contact Public Works Director Ron Lundquist about a replacement for the General Services vacancy.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT AND EVENTS

Commissioner Heckman announced the ASL Expo, a trade show, will have a show on Saturday May 5, 2007 in San Jose. Information on the trade show is available on the website www.aslexpo.com.

Commissioner Hinds announced EDD is sponsoring their Second Annual Employer/Employee Recognition Event on July 6, 2007.

Commissioner Bogan suggested the commission send Supervisor Jerry Smith a get well card.

Chair Pinio announced the parks will be celebrating 25 years at Lake San Antonio on Saturday May 5, 2007.

Chair Pinio will be on vacation for the next meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Pinio declared the meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.