Minutes for the Monterey County Commission on Disabilities



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MONDAY, June 25, 2007 2:00 PM

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MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Meeting held at: Monterey County Administration Building
Monterey Conference Room, 2nd Floor
168 West Alisal Street
Salinas, CA 93901

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

<u>Commissioners Present</u> – Alma Almanza, James Bogan, Anna Foglia, Eric Heckman, Carolyn Hinds, and John Pinio.

<u>Commissioners Not Present</u> – MaryLea Almeida, Carmelita Garcia, and Manuel Ramos.

<u>Guest and Staff Present</u> – Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Manager Tom Hicks; Assistant County Counsel Lee Blankenship; Associate Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonjé Dayries; and Administrative Secretary Confidential Elisa Cantu.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS IV. NEW BUSINESS

Tom Hicks, Manager for CTSA Mr. Hicks stated that the primary responsibility of CTSA is to look at all things pertaining to transportation. CTSA has immediate plans to open Mobility Centers to conduct travel training to sell tickets, establish a 511 number to answer transportation questions, and a taxi study for the purpose of establishing a taxi regulatory authority. CTSA is working with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) on the taxi study. TAMC is in the process of hiring a consultant who will make recommendations which will be adopted in early 2008 and implemented on the Monterey Peninsula. Also, CTSA, TAMC, and Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) are working together on regional planning in anticipation of the demographic changes. Commissioner Almanza commented on the fact that the City of Salinas and Monterey County did not want to participate in the taxi study. The estimated cost would

have been \$3,300 for the agencies that participated. She stated that services will not be made available to those jurisdictions that did not participate in the study.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Outreach Committee Report – The Commissioners did not meet. Ad Hoc Membership Drive Committee Report – Commissioner Hinds reported for Commissioner Garcia that the Cities were receptive to the presentation given at the Mayors' Luncheon.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT AND EVENTS

Commissioner Hinds announced that the Employment Development Department (EDD) is sponsoring an Employer/Employee Recognition Event on July 6th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Commissioner Hinds announced that the Monterey County Committee for the Employment of People with Disabilities will have a luncheon on July 19th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Representing the Central Coast Center for Independent Living, Commissioner Almanza will speak at the event. The cost is \$25 which includes lunch and training on Reasonable Accommodations from the Employees Perspective.Commissioner Foglia thanked the Monterey Bay Veterans, Inc. for taking some of the clients from Hope Services fishing. Commissioner Bogan announced the July 4th event scheduled on the Coast Guard Pier.Commissioner Foglia announced that the April E-waste event sponsored by Hope Services was very successful.

VII. ADJOURNMENTThere being no further business, Chair Pinio declared the meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.