

Minutes for the Monterey County Commission on Disabilities



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MONDAY, July 30, 2007 12:00 PM

MINUTES FOR THE MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Held at the 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 2:13.

Commissioners Present – Alma Almanza, MaryLea Almeida, James Bogan, Anna Foglia, Carmelita Garcia, David Miller, and John Pinio.

Commissioners Not Present – Eric Heckman, Carolyn Hinds, and Manuel Ramos.

Guest and Staff Present – Equal Opportunity Officer David Medrano; Associate Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonjé Dayries; and Administrative Secretary Confidential Elisa Cantu.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 25, 2007 meeting were approved as amended.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. David Medrano, Equal Opportunity Officer

Mr. Medrano discussed the responsibilities of the Equal Opportunity Office and provided the Commissioners with a summary of the County's Equal Opportunity activity for the period of July 2006 through June 2007.

Commissioner Foglia asked Mr. Medrano if the County maintained statistics on the number of people with

disabilities employed with the County. Mr. Medrano stated that the County did not maintain such information due to privacy concerns. Commissioner Foglia also asked Mr. Medrano about the County's recruiting outreach to people with disabilities. Chair Pinio stated that he would bring that information back to the next meeting.

Commissioner Almanza asked Mr. Medrano what the County was doing to educate its employees on disability issues. Mr. Medrano informed the Commissioners that the Equal Opportunity Office conducts ongoing training to every County employee on Equal Opportunity issues including the Americans with Disabilities Act as well as these aspects of the Fair Employment and Housing Act dealing with disability.

Commissioner Almanza notified Mr. Medrano that she is aware that Central Coast Center for Independent Living has received letters in the past from Monterey County inmates requesting assistance in receiving appropriate medical treatment especially if the treatment involves needles. Commissioner Foglia brought up the issue of the County jail allowing disability advocates to assist inmates with disabilities who don't have family members to advocate for them. Chair Pinio suggested that representatives from the jail speak to the Commissioners on jail procedures.

B. Discussion on Master Schedule/Meeting Calendar

Chair Pinio deferred discussion until the September 24, 2007 meeting on this agenda item.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Outreach Committee Report – Commissioner Almeida provided The Equal Opportunity staff with a draft version of the Commission on Disabilities revised brochure. Staff will make necessary changes and place on agenda for approval at September 24, 2007 meeting.

Ad Hoc Membership Drive Committee Report – The Commissioners did not meet.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT AND EVENTS

Commissioner Garcia announced that the City of Pacific Grove will have an ADA Resource Fair on Saturday, August 4, 2007.

Commissioner Foglia announced that the Hope Services is sponsoring an E-waste event at the Del Monte Shopping Center on September 11, 2007.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Pinio declared the meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.