

Minutes for the Monterey County Commission on Disabilities



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MONDAY, May 22, 2006 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

MINUTES FOR THE
MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
MONTEREY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MONTEREY ROOM, RM. 2092, SECOND FLOOR
168 W. ALISAL ST. – SALINAS, CA 93901

I. ROLL CALL AND GREETING OF VISITORS - Vice-Chair Anna Foglia called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Commissioners Present – Amy Allard, Alma Almanza, MaryLea Almeida, James Bogan, James Cromarty, Anna Foglia, James M. Krossa, Manuel Ramos and Charlene Wiseman.

Commissioners Not Present – Robert Davis, Carolyn Hinds, and John Pinio.

Guests and Staff Present – Barbara Flynn, Health Services Director of Central Coast Alliance for Health; Assistant County Counsel Lee Blankenship; Equal Opportunity Officer David Medrano; Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonjé Dayries; and Administrative Secretary Elisa Cantu.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of April 24, 2006 were approved.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Barbara Flynn, Health Services Director of Central Coast Alliance for Health

Barbara Flynn thanked the commission for its support of the Central Coast Alliance for Health (The Alliance) request to the State of California (State) for additional funding. She announced that the Alliance will receive an additional \$19.4 million. The Alliance has also received two awards: the State's Bronze Certificate for Quality for outstanding performance and the Phil Rather Award for Leadership in Health Care.

Ms. Flynn then discussed the escalating cost of non-emergency medical transportation to the Alliance. Title 22 governs non-emergency medical transportation reimbursed by Medi-Cal. Ms. Flynn said that the eligibility

requirements for Medi-Cal reimbursement are very limited. She said that the Alliance's requirements to provide non-emergency transportation are more flexible than the State therefore the Alliance covers the costs not reimbursed by Medi-Cal. She said that there has been a significant rise in transportation costs necessitating a review of eligibility requirements.

Ms. Flynn asked the commission to provide input on appropriate medically qualifying conditions to receive non-emergency transportation. She asked if anyone on the commission was aware of the eligibility requirements of the Monterey Salinas Transit (MST). Commissioner Almanza stated that she was on the commission that developed the criteria used by MST. Commissioner Almanza will assist Ms. Flynn in obtaining information on the MST requirements.

B. Lee Blankenship – Assistant County Counsel

Assistant County Counsel Lee Blankenship discussed teleconferencing. He stated that teleconferencing is authorized for all purposes at a regular or special public meeting and that the rules governing a public meeting apply at teleconference locations. He said that the posted agenda must identify all teleconference locations and must be posted at all teleconference locations. Also, all materials handed at the meeting would need to be distributed at all teleconference locations. He stated that at least a quorum of the commission members must be physically present within the boundaries of Monterey County.

Assistant County Counsel Lee Blankenship recommended that the Equal Opportunity staff investigate potential liability issues and the technology required at the county and the teleconference location prior to scheduling a teleconferenced meeting. Equal Opportunity Officer David Medrano stated that staff would research those issues and whether there are public institutions or large organizations that have facilities already set up for teleconferencing.

C. Action Item – Vote on amendments to the bylaws

Commissioner Almanza made a motion to table the vote on amendments to the bylaws; motion seconded and carried.

D. Equal Opportunity Officer Remarks

Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonjé Dayries reported on the March 9, 2006 meeting held by the Planning Committee of the Workforce Investment Board Recognition Event.

Equal Opportunity Officer David Medrano stated that he visited the new library at Hartnell College and was impressed with all the accommodations made for the disabled. He stated that the Equal Opportunity Office will arrange a visit to the Library and report back to the commission.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Outreach Committee Report - Commissioner Bogan suggested that the commission mail cards to all Monterey County residents to introduce the Commission on Disabilities. The Outreach Committee will meet with Equal Opportunity Officer David Medrano to discuss options for an outreach program.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT AND EVENTS

None.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA

- A.** Equal Opportunity Office staff was asked to report on the potential liability issues and the equipment required to teleconference.
- B.** Equal Opportunity Officer David Medrano suggested a representative from the Hartnell College Library.
- C.** Commissioner Ramos suggested Counselor Wayne Davis from Hartnell College to discuss the Disabled Students Programs and Services.
- D.** Commissioner Allard suggested someone to discuss the California Budget Process.
- E.** Commissioner Almeida was asked to arrange for a representative from the Public Authority for In-Home Supportive Services to speak at the October meeting.
- F.** Commissioner Krossa suggested having representatives that operate fairs, festival, or public events speak to the commission on the accommodations made at their events.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice - Chair Foglia declared the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.