

# Minutes for the Monterey County Commission on Disabilities



## Minutes

**MONDAY, January 31, 2005 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM**

MINUTES FOR THE  
MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
MONTEREY COUNTY TRAINING CENTER  
1441 CONSTITUTION BLVD., BLDG. 840 – SALINAS, CA 93906

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Acting Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

### II. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS/GUEST SPEAKERS

Commissioners Present – Amy Allard, Alma Almanza, MaryLea Almeida, Roger Baez, Anna Foglia, Carolyn Hinds, Audra Krebs, John Pinio, Carol A. Ryan and Sam Trevino.

Commissioners Excused – Merryl Carr and Robert Davis.

Guests, Members of the Public, & Staff – Isleen Glatt, Central Coast Alliance for Health, Allen Bidwell, Deputy County Counsel, and Elisa Cantu, EOO Admin Secretary.

### III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA & MINUTES

January 31, 2005 Agenda

Agenda approved unanimously 10/0/0.

November 29, 2004 Minutes

Minutes approved unanimously 10/0/0 as amended with Com. Bumba's email correction. Page 2. VI. A. 5<sup>th</sup> line should read, "Com. Bumba stated this Commission should have representation on the Social Services Transportation Commission of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County."

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Isleen Glatt, MPH, Senior Health Educator at Central Coast Alliance for Health (CCAH) spoke to the group regarding her questionnaire on cultural and linguistic needs of members with disabilities. She stated the State requires CCAH to do a complete needs assessment about every five years. She wanted to focus on members with disabilities because they are a large portion of the CCAH's membership. The group had the chance to review a questionnaire and provide their input to Ms. Glatt.

## V. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Com. Bumba resigned effective Dec. 31, 2004.

## VI. OFFICER REPORTS

ACTING CHAIR – Carol A. Ryan attended Transportation Committee meeting of Monterey County, which did not have much to do with access issues, but she stated this Commission will continue to keep in touch with that committee.

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion regarding the Access Appeals Board. Mr. Bidwell stated he has communicated with Mr. Scott Hennessy, Director of Planning, who has interest in forming an Access Appeals Board. Mr. Bidwell stated that there is no functioning board at the time, this will have to be done from scratch. According to Mr. Bidwell, Mr. Hennessy's recollection is that there never has been an Access Appeals Board, Mr. Hennessy wants to know what kind of exposure would be involved and what kind of issues would be brought before the Access Appeals Board. Com. Almanza asked whether the proposed Board could address problematic access issues, such as an entrance not being wide enough, shelves being too high for someone in a wheelchair. Mr. Bidwell will refer these questions to Mr. Hennessy and provide answers at a future date. Com. Trevino asked if we are looking to establish this Board on a county level because he is aware that Cities have such Boards. Mr. Bidwell responded that the ADA Code is a State Code and requires such a Board however the regulation is unclear as to the subject matter, and that Mr. Hennessy will have to see whether this Board will be handled through the County Planning & Building Dept. or independently. Mr. Bidwell will give an update on this at the next meeting.

**B.** Action Item to approve the Access/Outreach Committee's Nomination Form. Com. Foglia moved to consider adopting the Nomination Form, seconded by Com. Hinds. Chair Ryan asked for discussion and Com. Foglia suggested putting the form on letterhead, Com. Almanza added to enlarge the font to 14 pt. Com. Trevino wanted to know whether this form would be followed with a Certificate to the Agency. Com. Almanza added that the Access/Outreach Committee actually had in mind to do a Certificate and announce the agency in the website and newspapers so more agencies would be encouraged to provide better services. Com. Allard suggested including a little description of what the form is for. Com. Trevino commented on the choices provided under exemplary services and Com. Foglia suggested wording it the way it appears on the By-laws. Chair Ryan summarized the motion as being to use letterhead, 14 font, use wording from sect. 1a of the by-laws, include explanatory

sentence, and asked for approval by Com. Foglia who originally made the motion. Com. Foglia so moved and seconded by Com. Hinds. Motion was approved unanimously as amended.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

Action item to nominate and elect officers for 2005. Com. Pinio nominated Com. Ryan as Chair. She accepted the nomination. Com. Foglia nominated Com. Pinio as Chair. Com. Pinio accepted the nomination after considering pending litigation which might keep him away from a couple of meetings. Com. Almanza nominated Com. Foglia as Vice-Chair and Com. Foglia nominated Com. Almanza. Commissioners elected Com. Pinio as Chair, and Com. Foglia as Vice-Chair by a majority of votes. **Congratulations Chair Pinio and Vice-Chair Foglia!**

Action item to approve the Annual Report for 2004 as prepared by former Chair Flynn. Com. Almeida moved to approve the report and Com. Krebs seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Action item to approve a date for the retreat. Com. Foglia moved to have the retreat on Feb. 28th, seconded by Com. Almanza, motion passed unanimously. There was a discussion on the location and time and who the facilitator would be. It was decided to have the retreat at the Training Center from 10- 2:00 PM, with the regular meeting following, and that Com. Pinio would contact Yvonne Walker and Elana Schwartz, County Facilitators. It was also decided Commissioners will bring their own lunch.

Action Item to select subcommittee members to develop agenda and specifics for the retreat. Acting Chair Ryan, Chair Pinio, Vice-Chair Foglia and Com. Krebs volunteered for this task.

#### X. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMISSION

Vice-Chair Foglia stated Melissa Wolf from Housing Choices will be speaking before this Commission at the next meeting. Com. Foglia expressed her concern over the current vacant seats. Rocio (Staff) stated letters were recently sent to the vacancies and welcomes any ideas on how to go about filling these seats. Acting Chair Ryan suggested to individually go to your Supervisors, Mayors and encourage them to appoint a representative.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. by Acting Chair Ryan.