

# Minutes for the Monterey County Commission on Disabilities



## Minutes

**MONDAY, February 28, 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** – Chair Pinio called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

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

Commissioners Present – Amy Allard, Alma Almanza, MaryLea Almeida, Robert Davis, Anna Foglia, Carolyn Hinds, Audra Krebs, John Pinio, Carol A. Ryan and Sam Trevino. Commissioners Excused – Roger Baez, Merryl Carr and Charlene Wiseman. Guests, Members of the Public, & Staff – Melissa Wolf, Housing Choices Coalition, and Elisa Cantu, EOO Admin Secretary.

### III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA & MINUTES

February 28, 2005 Agenda Agenda approved unanimously 10/0/0. January 31, 2004 Minutes Minutes approved unanimously 10/0/0 as amended with Com. Almanza's amendment, pg.2 VIII. OLD BUSINESS A. line 15 should read "the ADA Code and the State Code require..."

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None  
GUEST SPEAKER  
Melissa Wolf from Housing Choices Coalition (HCC) gave her report on housing needs for people with disabilities in Monterey County. She stated HCC is a non-profit agency started in 1997 in Santa Clara County by parents and service providers who had concern for people with disabilities and their need for housing. HCC is now in Santa Cruz and Monterey County. Melissa stated they are advocates for people with developmental disabilities and for accessing and creating affordable housing. HCC is located at 344 Salinas St., Suite 105D in Salinas.  
APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS: None

### VII. OFFICER REPORTS

Chair Pinio thanked members responsible for the retreat agenda and would like to send Thank you's on behalf of the entire Commission to both Elana and Yvonne for facilitating the retreat. Vice-Chair Foglia announced she would not be attending the next meeting, as she will be traveling to Italy. All commissioners wished Com. Foglia a pleasant trip.

#### VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Pinio stated there are no ad-hoc committees at this time.

#### IX. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on the Status of the Access Appeals Board was deferred as Mr. Bidwell was not present to give a report.

#### X. NEW BUSINESS

Ad-Hoc Committee Member Selection. Chair Pinio deferred this item to the next meeting.

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

The group brainstormed objectives for the first two goals from the retreat. GOAL #1. Develop process on how to advise the Board of Supervisors in all purpose areas including recommendations for government facilities (process to include setting schedule and protocol for communicating time sensitive issues and how the Board will disseminate information). Com. Davis suggested to send the minutes to the Board. Com. Foglia suggested to have guidelines to follow for taking action, section on minutes informing Board of actions taken. Chair Pinio will ask Board informally regarding certain items and a formal memo will follow. Chair Pinio will also work on getting the EO Subcommittee, Supervisors Potter and Armenta to the next meeting. The group will want to provide a list of questions for supervisors in advance, email questions to staff. Com. Allard suggested to establish timelines on action items. GOAL #2. Advocate for the establishment of the County's Disability Access Appeals Board & Commission's role with the Appeals Board as mandated by the California Health & Safety Code identified in the bylaws. Chair Pinio will ask Mr. McKee and Mr. Hennessy about the status. Com. Foglia suggested to draft a request letter. Staff will provide copies of Health & Safety Code 19957.5(a) & 19958 to all. Com. Almanza shared the Rules of Procedure & By-laws of the Access Appeals Board. Staff will provide copies to all commissioners. Commission will assist the Planning Dept. in recruitment of members. OTHER ITEMS: Check with Admin Bldg. for room availability after June for meetings. Com. Almanza asked about the ADA coordinator for Monterey County, Chair Pinio will find out who it is.

#### XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Pinio.