

# Minutes for the Monterey County Commission on Disabilities



## Minutes

**MONDAY, June 27, 2005 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. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Pinio called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

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

**A. Commissioners Present** – Amy Allard, Alma Almanza, MaryLea Almeida, Merryll Carr, Anna Foglia, Carolyn Hinds, Audra Krebs, James Krossa, John Pinio, Sam Trevino and Jennifer O’Hara for Charlene Wiseman.

**B. Commissioners Excused** – Robert Davis and Carol A. Ryan.

**C. Guests, Members of the Public, & Staff** – Jim Crommerty of Alliance on Health, Sheryl Krossa of California Association of Equal Rights Professionals, Allen Bidwell of County Counsel and David Medrano, Equal Opportunity Officer.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA & MINUTES**

June 27, 2005 Agenda

Agenda approved unanimously.

April 25, 2005 Minutes

Minutes approved with 3 abstentions and with correction on pg. 2, V. GUEST SPEAKER, line 5 should read, “...Department of Rehabilitation with a three-year grant ending July 2005.” Abstentions by Amy Allard, John Pinio and James Krossa.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim Cromarty from the Alliance on Aging will be appointed July 12th and he will represent Supervisor Lindley,

District 3..

## **V. GUEST SPEAKER**

Commissioner Sam Trevino, Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Director, presented the 2005-2009 Four Year Area Plan on Aging prepared by the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. He said that the Advisory Council is made up of five members appointed by Supervisors and ten members at large. The Council is instrumental in working with staff to identify needs, to identify what is working and what needs to be fixed, and more importantly in deciding who to fund and how much funds to allocate. The Council meets the third Thursday of every month at 1:00 PM and the location alternates each month from the Quadrangle in Salinas to the Oldemeyer Building in Seaside.

Commissioner Foglia would like to do a presentation for the AAA about hot food and warm clothing and suggested incentive ideas for volunteers. Commissioner Almanza gave positive feedback on Commissioner Trevino's report and added that the elderly population is in great need.

## **VI. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

Chair Pinio welcomed Commissioner James Krossa representing the City of Gonzales. Commissioner Krossa works for the State Department of Corrections. Commissioner Krossa introduced his wife Ms. Krossa, member of the California Association of Equal Rights Professionals.

## **VII. OFFICER REPORTS**

- A.** Chair Pinio will follow up with phone calls to the cities to add to the list of City Representatives.
- B.** Vice-Chair Foglia committed herself to attend the Workforce Investment Board meetings. She also announced a luncheon on July 14th by the Monterey County Committee for the Employment of People with Disabilities. Staff will email flyer to all commissioners.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A.** Jennifer O'Hara provided an update from the Capitol Projects Division stating that the bathroom doors and the outside front floor to the building are compliant by the City and County Code. Commissioner Almanza commented on the issue of the tile surface leading to the front door. Commissioner Trevino posed the question that "because of the challenges for people with impaired mobility, what is the possibility to look at the front and sketch out a pathway for those with impaired mobility?" Chair Pinio added that someone from Capitol Projects will be at the next meeting to address that issue.
- B.** Allen Bidwell informed the Commission that the members of the Appeals Board will be appointed when there is an appeal to address. Mr. Bidwell will provide a memo at the next meeting from Mr. McKee, County Counsel, on the discussion with Mr. Henessy from Planning & Building. Mr. Bidwell also clarified that as long as a member is acting within the framework of the by-laws and procedures of the Appeals Board, they will have no personal liability. Mr. Bidwell stated that the Health & Safety Codes can be condensed and entered into the website to let people know who can appeal and what can be appealed.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

Disability Awareness Training – Commissioner Foglia moved to approve the 2 ½ hour training by Central Coast Center for Independent Living on July 25th. Commissioner Almanza seconded the motion and **motion passed unanimously.**

## X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners introduced themselves for Commissioner Krossa. Mr. Jim Cromarty from the Alliance on Aging introduced himself.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. by Chair Pinio. The next meeting will be Monday, July 25, 2005, at the Monterey County Administration Building.