

MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

January 11, 2010 - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monterey County Administration Building

Monterey Room (2092), Second Floor

168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901

- I. **ROLL CALL AND GREETING OF VISITORS** – Vice-Chair Garcia called the meeting to order.

Commissioners Present – James Bogan, Debra Bolger, Lilia Chagolla, Carmelita Garcia, Robert Greene, Eric Heckman, Carolyn Hinds, Kendon Kraska, Steve McCullough, George Molano, John Pinio, and Jose Vasquez.

Commissioners Not Present – Alma Almanza, and Mario Salazar.

Guest and Staff Present – Associate Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonjé Dayries, Administrative Secretary Confidential Elisa Cantu, and County Counsel Robert Shulman.

- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 7, 2009 meeting were approved.

- IV. **PLANNING FOR RETREAT**

Commissioner Pinio set a tentative date of March 29th but will confirm that the Trainers are available on that date. The commissioners discussed progress of 2008 goals. Associate Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonjé Dayries provided the commissioners with an update on the ADA Reasonable Accommodation policy. Commissioner Chagolla suggested the commission provide an orientation for new commission members. Vice-Chair Garcia stated she would like to discuss this at the retreat.

Vice-Chair Garcia also suggested the commissioners work on a schedule of presenters for 2010 at the retreat.

V. DISCUSS PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM ON GREENFIELD BRIDGES – COMMISSIONER GARCIA

Commissioner Garcia conveyed to the commissioners information provided by Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director of the Transportation Agency of Monterey County.

VI. OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT – COMMISSIONER BOGAN

Commissioner Bogan reminded commissioners they were given a nomination form and asked the commissioners to bring recommendations to the March meeting.

VIII. REPORT ON IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER HINDS

Commissioner Hinds reported that In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) continues to struggle with budget cuts. The IHSS Committee sent cards to all providers in appreciation for all the work they do. Commissioner Molano asked about budget cuts to transportation. Commissioner Bolger stated she would provide the commissioners with an update on the transportation provided by Central Coast Center for Independent Living. Commissioner Chagolla stated she would provide the commissioners with an update on the transportation provided by Central Coast Alliance for Health.

IX. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Commissioner Bolger suggested the commission recognize April 2010 as Traumatic Brain Injury Month. Vice-Chair Garcia suggested the commissioners create a calendar of events/days to recognize in order to get the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in a timely manner. Vice-Chair Garcia requested that the commissioners bring a list to the retreat of events/days you want the Board to recognize.

Commissioner Pinio suggested the commission tour the new Health Department facility. Associate Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonjé Dayries will report back to the commissioners about the availability of the Ethics Training online.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Vice-Chair Garcia passed out a press release to the commissioners on the topic of traumatic brain injury. Vice-Chair would like to see the commission take a more proactive role in educational outreach.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 3:15 p.m.