

MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

July 26, 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** – Chair Almanza called the meeting to order.

Commissioners Present – Alma Almanza, James Bogan, Debra Bolger, Lilia Chagolla, Robert Greene, Laura Harris, Carolyn Hinds, Mario Salazar, and Jose Vasquez.

Commissioners Not Present – Carmelita Garcia, Eric Heckman, Steve McCullough, George Molano, and John Pinio.

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

- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting were approved; Commissioners Hinds and Greene abstained.

- IV. SPEAKER – SUPERVISOR JANE PARKER**

Supervisor Parker invited the commissioners to attend the July 27th Board Meeting when the Board will recognize the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Supervisor Parker encouraged the commissioners to advocate for the community and to bring matters to the attention of the Board. She asked each commissioner what item they think needs attention. Supervisor Parker asked everyone pass

along their item to Commissioner Bogan by August 11th. Supervisor Parker suggested the commission could meet with the Equal Opportunity Advisory Subcommittee (EOAC) to bring ideas which the EOAC could bring to the full Board. Chair Almanza appointed Laura Harris, Carolyn Hinds, and Carmelita Garcia to an Ad Hoc committee to bring issues to EAOC.

V. SPEAKER – STELLA LAUERMAN, EASTER SEALS COMMUNITY SERVICE MANAGER

Stella Lauerman gave a brief history on Easter Seals. She also spoke about the services offered and the population reached by Easter Seals. Ms. Lauerman announced an Open House at Camp Harmon in Boulder Creek on August 6th.

VI. DISCUSS COMMISSIONS NEXT STEPS

No discussion.

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

Commissioner Garcia was not present.

VIII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT – COMMISSIONER BOGAN

Commissioner Bolger reminded commissioners to submit nominations.

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

Commissioner Hinds reported the committee met on July 13th. She reported the committee discussed the various programs adjusting to reductions in staff due to budget cuts. Commissioner Hinds also announced the committee is reviewing potential legislative priorities and will have a table at the Monterey County Fair.

X. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Commissioner Harris announced she has 1 speaker for the September meeting and 2 speakers for the November meeting. Other agenda

items mentioned were to discuss the commission's next step and ideas for media program.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

The Board of Supervisors will approve a resolution recognizing the 20th anniversary of the American's with Disabilities Act. Commissioner Hinds announced the Awards Luncheon for the Employment of Individuals with Disabilities will be held at the Hyatt in Monterey on October 12th from 12 pm until 2 pm. Commissioner Almanza recognized the work done by Acting Equal Opportunity Officer Bonita Monarque. Commissioner Bogan challenged Commissioner Greene to arrange for the commissioners to take a whale watching tour on the Monterey Bay Veterans, Inc. Sports Rehab Center boat. The majority of the Commissioners present agreed they were available to take the tour on August 28th. Commissioner Harris announced the Special Kids Crusade has a new resource directory on its website. The resource directory is in English and Spanish.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.