



COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

MINUTES – 8/22/2024

Commission on Disabilities (CoD) General Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 22, 2024, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Location: 455 County Center, Room COB 101, Redwood City, CA

Public Attendance Link to join Zoom Meeting: <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/93345055035>

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Item No.	Item Description	Person(s) Responsible	Item Allotted Time
1.	<u>Review and Approval of Minutes and Agenda:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members Present: Evan Milburn, Tryn Miller, Gurpreet Padam, Timothy Ponti, Syroun Sanossian, Lisa Weiner, Florence Wong • Excused: Matthew Cadigan Hearn • Absent: Robert Hall, Steven Van, Angela Piazza • Approval of Minutes from June meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve by Commissioner Milburn ○ Second by Commissioner Miller ○ Unanimously approved • Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve by Commissioner Milburn ○ Second by Commissioner Miller ○ Unanimously approved 	Florence Wong, CoD President Andrew Eng, CoD staff liaison	5 min
2.	<u>Meeting Etiquette Reminders</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always raise your hand before speaking and wait your turn • No one may speak unless called upon by the President of the Commission • Always use a microphone when speaking • Members of the public joining via Zoom may raise their hand if they wish to comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To raise your hand by phone, dial *9 • All attendees are reminded to treat each other with respect in all meetings 	Andrew Eng	1 min
3.	<u>Public Comments:</u>	Florence Wong	5 min

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Wong gave an updated regarding announcements from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to the Commission 		
4.	<p><u>President's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tabling Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion festival <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner collected names of those interested in applying to the commission and shared with staff Disaster Preparedness Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potentially interested commissioner contact information was collected Issue of access to services on the coast was brought up Youth Commission Social Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three members of the Youth Commission were interested in becoming a liaison to the CoD, with two having specific projects that serve the disabled community Discuss and vote to approve CoD ex-officio appointments letter to the Board of Supervisors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently there are no approved ex-officio members by the Board of Supervisors, so the letter was revised to ask that all 7 of the following agencies be appointed seats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AbilityPath Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities Department of Rehabilitation Golden Gate Regional Center Red Cross of the Bay Area State Council on Developmental Disabilities Vista Center Commissioner Sanossian requested that additional agencies be considered as ex-officio agencies and will send those recommendations to Andrew Eng Commissioner Weiner suggested that commissioners take role of contacting agencies to attend general meeting Motion to approve the letter made by Commissioner Milburn Second by Commissioner Ponti Unanimously approved 	Florence Wong	10 min
5.	<p><u>Staff Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lee Pullen, Director, Aging and Adult Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director Pullen thanked the commission for putting on a successful Inclusion Festival He mentioned that that AAS tabled at the Disaster Preparedness Event 	AAS Staff	15 min

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director Lee announced he will look into updating the name of Aging and Adult Services to be inclusive of those with disabilities ● Andrew Eng, CoD Staff Liaison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner change announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Andrade Zuniga announced that she is resigning from the Commission on Disabilities due to her many new obligations outside of the CoD ▪ Commissioner Borgens informed the Commission that she would need to resign as well ○ T-shirt and business cards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suggestion made to move back text to the front, and have the text spaced down more ▪ Leave “create, educate, advocate, celebrate” text on the back ○ Work Plan updates for committees (due date September General Meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Andrew to send a copy of last year’s Strategic Plan and the draft of this year’s version 		
6.	<p><u>Guest Speaker Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chelsea Hargreaves, ADRC Coordinator, Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities ● Topic: Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) ● Discussed “No Wrong Door” approach, eligibility, core services, ● Core services include enhanced information and referral services, options counseling, short term service coordination, and transition services. ● ADRC is looking for additional core partners in the community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion was made to partner with Core Agencies. 		20 min
7.	<p><u>CoD Committee Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Executive Committee – Florence Wong, President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commission on Disabilities By-Laws update (10 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Committee reviewed and updated the currently approved by-laws by the Board of Supervisors which was from 2000 ▪ The procedural rules from 2016 were never actually approved by the Board of Supervisors ▪ President Wong noted some changes, including reducing members from 21 to 15, officer roles and titles, staff roles, and standing committees ▪ Everyone was given a copy of the by-law changes to review. ● Special Events Committee – Andrew Eng <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inclusion Festival recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Event saw roughly 400-450 people attend. 	Chairs	3 minutes per chair

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall it was a successful event, which included a DJ, appearance by President of the Board of Supervisors Warren Slocum, Mayor Gee of Redwood City, and roughly 50 vendors. ○ Disability Art Showcase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Andrew mentioned that the next meeting will be on August 28th to review Call for Artists to send out to all artist contacts. ▪ Showcase will be at 400 County Center in the Caldwell Gallery. • ADA Compliance Committee – Andrew Eng <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The committee will be recommending a list of properties to prioritize on the CIP to DPW at the September meeting • Legislation, Advocacy and Outreach Committee – Evan Milburn, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Wellness and Crisis Response Team letter to the Board of Supervisors (information only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Letter will be brought to the General Commission in September ○ Upcoming Speakers for General Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Andrew shared upcoming speakers and interested topics • Accessible Transportation Committee – Evan Milburn, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee has not met since it decided to pause activity until DEM presentation was made. ○ Next step will be to discuss at next week’s meeting follow up to the presentation. ○ Work Plan will be reviewed as well. 		
8.	<u>New Committee Chair Assignments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Committees must select new chairs and provide recommendation to Florence for approval at September meeting 	Florence Wong	10 min
9.	<u>Agenda Items for Next Commission Meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Plan discussion and vote • Letter for CWCRT • Chair appointments 	All	2 min
10.	<u>Final Comments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriela Solval mentioned upcoming trainings, back to school special education trainings, IEP strategies, understanding evaluations • Also mentioned committee meetings on Zoom, September 4th-5th Statewide Self Advocacy Network, Sept 24th State Council DD meeting • Summit will be held of government representatives, non-profits, and companies across the state on Tuesday September 24-27 in Ventura 	All	5 min

11.	<u>Adjournment:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Miller • Second by Commissioner Sanossian • Adjourned at 4:50PM • Next Meeting: Thursday, September 26, 2024 • Location: 455 County Center, Room 101, Redwood City, CA 94063 	All	
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