



COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

MINUTES – 6/27/2024

Commission on Disabilities (CoD) General Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

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

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Item No.	Item Description	Person(s) Responsible	Item Allotted Time
1.	<p><u>Review and Approval of Minutes and Agenda:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members Present: Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Robert Hall, Evan Milburn, Tryn Miller, Gurpreet Padam, Angela Piazza, Timothy Ponti, Lisa Weiner, Florence Wong, Syroun Sanossian • Members Absent: Steven Van • Staff Present: Andrew Eng, Anna Sawamura, Suki Ho, Susie Castoria (Board of Supervisors) • Online Attendees: Ben McMullan, Gabriela Solval, Shawne O'Connell, Helen Lo • Approval of Minutes from May meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion by Commissioner Milburn ○ Second by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn ○ Unanimously approved • Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request was made to move panel up after #2 in the agenda ○ Motion to approve agenda with change by Commissioner Milburn ○ Second by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn ○ Unanimously approved 	Angela Piazza, CoD President Andrew Eng, CoD staff liaison	5 min
2.	<p><u>Meeting Etiquette Reminders</u></p> <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 	Andrew Eng	1 min

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All attendees are reminded to treat each other with respect in all meetings 		
3.	<u>Public Comments:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Piazza announced that on July 16th at 5:30PM in front of the County Court there will be a proclamation for Disability Pride Month and flag raising Doug Kunze, Disability Integration Specialist, can now assist with getting equipment. After speaking with two major organizations who store DME, the biggest issue is finding a place to store this. Doug requested the Commission's help to find place to store this equipment. Doug also mentioned bed shaker and strobe light alarms are available through Red cross and can be installed for free. Smoke alarms would be installed first, follows by an assessment for eligibility, followed by a later installation. 	Angela Piazza	5 min
4.	<u>President's Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Piazza thanked the Commissioner for allowing her to serve as their President for the last 3 years. Members and attendees thanked Angela for her service to the community. 	Angela Piazza	2 min
5.	<u>Staff Report:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anna Sawamura, Health Services Manager, Aging and Adult Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anna shared the toll free number for the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-888-SMC-ADRC (888-762-2370) Presentation on the ADRC will be held in August Andrew Eng, CoD Staff Liaison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shirt design was emailed to Commissioners, input deadline is tomorrow end of day Business cards will be available to those who requested them Andrew reminded chairs that they should ask if anyone else would like to chair their committees 	AAS Staff	15 min
6.	<u>Commission Officers Election</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Slate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President: Florence Wong Vice President: Evan Milburn Secretary: Timothy Ponti Additional Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional nominations Motion by President Piazza Second by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn Slate was approved 	Robert Hall, Nominating Committee Chair	10 min

7.	<p><u>Guest Speaker Panel (moved after Public Comment):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shruti Dhapodkar, Director of Emergency Management, San Mateo County and Brian Kelly, Fire Chief • Topic: Countywide Emergency Planning • Mission is to advance community resilience through a proactive and comprehensive approach to emergency management involving the whole community • Access and functional needs – people with access and functional needs may include people with physical, intellectual or development disabilities, chronic conditions, injuries, limited English proficiency or who are non-english speaking, those who are dependent on public transportation or are pregnant • Project timeline discussed, currently in phase 2: Research and Analysis (May-June 2024), next month will consist of interviews with various CBOs • Followed by Develop Scenarios (June-July), Modeling and Analysis (June-August), Best Practice Review (December-January 2025), Route planning (September 2024-November 2024), Outreach (September 2024-December 2024), Wrap Up (December-January 2025) • Discussed evacuation expectations, there are 55 stations spread throughout the County • Emergency messaging and communications input requested <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question was raised on creating a list for those who really can't follow a plan to help themselves ○ Shruti mentioned that there is a framework to help those on Medicare, Medi-Cal, and SMC Health clients ○ These clients receive care planning based on their projected survivability ○ Question was raised asking what people should do who don't receive those kinds of services but still need to be on a list due to their access and functional needs • FEMA does not recognize anything lesser than a County as an operational area, so cities are typically always first to respond and address emergencies • Final ask was to provide feedback as a commission on the agencies to work with and collect information from 		50 min
8.	<p><u>CoD Committee Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee – Angela Piazza, President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee reviewed t-shirt design and election process • Special Events Committee – Angela Piazza, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inclusion Festival Planning Ad-hoc update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Volunteer duties were shared, and volunteers were requested ▪ Water refill stations will be available so everyone should bring their own water bottles 	Chairs	3 minutes per chair

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADA Compliance Committee – Matthew Cadigan Hearn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Site visit was conducted at 31 Tower Road ○ Future site visit to be conducted at Canyon Oaks ○ Coyote Point reimaging survey was sent out to all Commissioners and community partners • Legislation, Advocacy and Outreach Committee – Evan Milburn, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Announced the drafting of letter to support the funding of Community Wellness and Crisis Response Team ○ Committee will need to select new chair ○ President Elect Florence Wong mentioned a presentation to SCDD • Accessible Transportation Committee – Evan Milburn and Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Response and discussion to DEM presentation will be done at August meeting to progress to next stage 		
9.	<u>Agenda Items for Next Commission Meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 22nd speaker will be Chelsea Hargreaves with the Center of Independence of Individuals with Disabilities on the ADRC 	All	2 min
10.	<u>Final Comments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew mentioned RWC Library is hosting Commissioners Piazza and Wong on a panel during Disability Pride Month on July 22nd from 6-7PM • Announcement was made of a ribbon cutting in August for Mickelson Pool reopening. The pool is currently looking for lifeguards. 	All	5 min
11.	<u>Adjournment:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder: No meeting in July • Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn • Second by Commissioner Angela Piazza • Unanimously approved, adjourned at 4:36PM • Next Meeting: Thursday, August 22, 2024 • Location: 455 County Center, Room 101, Redwood City, CA 94063 	All	

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