



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 11, 2020
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: John Daugherty (1st District), Nancy Yellin (1st District), Janet Crosse (2nd District), Stacie Grijalva (2nd District), Becky Taylor (3rd District), Richard Gubash (3rd District), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (Vice Chair - 4th District), Lynn Stipes (5th District), David Molina (Chair – 5th District)
EXCUSED: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Coordinator)
GUESTS: Juan Magaña (IHSS Sr. Analyst), Jessica Cirksena (IHSS Program Manager)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
Meeting convened at 12:33 PM.
2. Motion to Approve May 14, 2020 Minutes
Motion/Second: Gutierrez Baeza/Yellin
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Public Comment: None
4. In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
Magaña and Cirksena gave an overview of the IHSS program and the steps taken to ensure the safety of both IHSS recipients and caregivers. The availability of PPE for caregivers who serve multiple recipients, many of whom are immunocompromised, is an ongoing issue. Additionally, no formal training on the proper use of PPE is currently offered or required. The Commission hopes that video training can be made available to both caregivers and recipients. Many of the masks distributed are single-use instead of washable masks, although IHSS continues to receive some cloth masks from local sewing groups. The Commission expressed concerns about recipients being unable to provide PPE to their caregivers before allowing access to their homes when caregivers arrive without. In-home assessments with social workers have not been occurring, so caregivers must pick up and deliver PPE to recipients. The Commission will continue to monitor the situation.
5. Commission Reports:
 - 5.1. Metro Santa Cruz Report
Daugherty reported that Paracruz is running and can be scheduled by app with prepayment. Most metro staff are working remotely and staff not working remotely are carefully screened
 - 5.2. History Report
The 30th Anniversary of the ADA is on Sunday, July 26th. The Commission is considering hosting a virtual screening of Netflix's documentary "Crip Camp" in lieu of an in-person event.
 - 5.3. Legislation Report: No report

6. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

6.1. Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Response Subcommittee

Molina combined the Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee with the Pandemic Response Subcommittee, resigned his seat on the subcommittee and appointed Gutierrez Baeza in his stead. Staff will look into having County Public Health speak to the subcommittee on how IHSS recipients can best protect themselves with proper safety precautions and effective use of PPE. A recording of the training can be shared on our website and social media. The Commission will also research resources available on the County's emergency preparedness website. Yellin updated the Commission on the status of the Personal Emergency & Evacuation Plan (PEEP) which has undergone some minor format changes.

6.2. Recreation Subcommittee: No report

7. Staff Report

The Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Competence Plan is being reviewed before distribution to County departments and Commissions for review.

8. Emerging Matters

Yellin suggested that the Commission to consider the impact of proposed Rail-to-Trail options on the disabilities community at a future meeting.

Adjournment at 2:02 PM

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*