



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2021
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*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*Vice Chair - 4th District*), Michael Leimbach (*4th District*), David Molina (*Chair - 5th District*), Lynn Stipes (*5th District*)
EXCUSED: Richard Gubash (*3rd District*)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*), Juliet Hayes (*Intern*)
GUESTS: No Members of the Public

1. Call to Order
Meeting convened at 12:32 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve February 11, 2021 Minutes
Minutes amended to correct attendance.
Motion to approve minutes as amended
Motion/Second: Molina/Gutierrez Baeza
Ayes: Daugherty, Crosse, Grijalva, Taylor, Gutierrez Baeza, Leimbach, Molina
Abstentions: Yellin, Stipes
Motion passed.
5. Public Comment: None
6. New/Continuing Business:
 - 6.1. County Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Competence Plan Feedback
Commission provided feedback on the document, as well as on long-term policy recommendations. Feedback will be reviewed and approved during the April meeting.
 - 6.2. COVID-19 Vaccine Advocacy Update
Commission discussed vaccine eligibility changes on March 15, allowing health care providers to determine whether patients are eligible because of medical vulnerability. Yellin, who serves on the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) reported on the MRC Vaccine Strike Team delivering vaccinations to homebound residents. A recent outbreak in the homeless community, many of whom have disabilities, raised concerns. Community Virtual Town Halls have been extremely transparent and informative, particularly about school reopening. Commission reviewed correspondence from Kathleen Conley, Senior

Department Administrative Analyst for County Public Health, regarding vaccinations for homebound individuals.

7. Commission Reports:

7.1. Internship Report

Hayes reported that the majority of the school system data collection has been completed. Next steps include administering the parent survey, compiling parent data and completing a rough draft of the report for discussion with Commission liaisons.

7.2. History Report

Daugherty provided a brief history of the Accessible Services Coordinator position. Commission reviewed the SCMTD Board of Directors' reply to the Commission's letter advocating for the position as well as correspondence from the Seniors Commission to the SCMTD advocating for the position.

7.3. Legislation Report:

Staff reported on AB-339, new legislation which, if passed, would require virtual access (either by phone or online) to all open local and State government meetings after the State of Emergency has been lifted and in-person meetings have recommenced. This would positively impact access to government meetings for people with disabilities. The County is considering technical solutions for implementation. Commission will monitor the bill's status.

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

8.1. Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Response Ad Hoc Subcommittee:

Molina recommended purchasing any equipment needed to provide power during outages before the summer rush.

8.2. Kudos Ad Hoc Subcommittee:

Commission will postpone the Kudos Awards until February 2022 and feature awardees on the Community Art Wall. A formal announcement will go out to our community partners advising them that we will continue to accept nominations until then.

8.3. Recreation Subcommittee: No Report

9. Staff Report: None

10. Emerging Matters:

Crosse announced that she will not be seeking reappointment when her term ends April 1, 2021.

Adjournment at 1:41 PM

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*