



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, January 21, 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), David Molina (Chair – 5th District), Lynn Stipes (5th District)
EXCUSED: Richard Gubash (3rd District)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Coordinator), Juliet (Commission
GUESTS: No Members of the Public

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
Meeting convened at 12:34 PM.
2. Motion to approve November 12, 2020 Minutes
Motion/Second: Yellin/Gutierrez Baeza
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Public Comment: None
4. New Business:
 - 4.1. Proclamation Honoring Vice Chair Gutierrez Baeza
Commission reviewed Watsonville City's proclamation honoring Vice Chair Gutierrez Baeza in celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The proclamation described Gutierrez Baeza's many contributions to fostering inclusion and advancing the interests of persons with disabilities as a Commissioner representing District 4.
 - 4.2. 2019-2020 Biennial Report
Commission reviewed the 2019-2020 Biennial report and discussed Commission goals for the next two years.
Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Biennial Report as written.
Motion/Second: Grijalva/Daugherty
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Commission Reports:
 - 5.1. Metro/Measure D Report
Daugherty has retired from SCMTD and reports that his previous position remains budgeted but has not been filled and it does not appear that they are recruiting for it. Commission will continue to monitor the situation. Metro is considering adding a same day Paracruz service.

5.2. History Report :

Daugherty reports that he intends to pursue the Commission History Project in 2021.

5.3. Legislation Report: None

5.4. Internship Report

Hayes reported that surveys have been developed to gather data from three key stakeholder categories: K-12 School Districts, Higher Ed (UCSC, Cabrillo, CSUMB and Santa Clara) and parents of children with disabilities. The parent survey will be available in English and Spanish and Hayes will work with community partners (SPIN, SARC, etc.) to promote parent participation. Commission liaisons Gubash and Molina, and SELPA Director Jessica Little are consulting at each phase of the project.

6. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

6.1. Recreation Subcommittee: No Report

6.2. Social Media Subcommittee: No Report

6.3. Resource Directory Subcommittee

Molina requested that a link to County vaccine information page be put at the top of our resources.

6.4. Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Response Subcommittee

6.4.1. CZU Lightning Complex Fires Debrief

Commission discussed SCMTD's rapid response to the wildfires and their commendable efforts to assist with evacuating people with disabilities. Yellin and Daugherty will bring specific examples of Metro's efforts to the next meeting for consideration. Molina will bring a draft letter to the next meeting commending the County for their overall emergency response.

6.4.2. Covid-19 Vaccination Distribution

Commission discussed the County's vaccination rollout, County and State communications regarding identifying and prioritizing people with disabilities in the tier structure, and the need for more clarity and better representation in public health communications and policy related to vaccinations. Of concern is the need for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities to be vaccinated earlier because of their increased risk for serious complications and death should they contract COVID-19.

7. Staff Report:

The *Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Competence Plan* will be shared in email for feedback from individual Commissioners this month.

8. Emerging Matters: None

Adjournment at 1:36 PM

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*