



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2021
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*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*)
EXCUSED: Nancy Yellin (*1st District*), Richard Gubash (*3rd District*), Lynn Stipes (*5th District*)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (*EEO Officer*), Juliet Hayes (*Intern*)
GUESTS: No Members of the Public

1. Call to Order

Meeting convened at 12:35 PM.

2. Roll Call

Commission welcomed new District 4 Commissioner, Michael Leimbach.

3. Agenda Review

4. Motion to approve January 14, 2021 Minutes

Motion/Second: Taylor/Crosse

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment: None

6. New Business:

6.1. Approve Letter Commending the County for Emergency Response Efforts

Commission reviewed a letter to the County commending all County and supporting agencies for their exemplary efforts coordinating a complex evacuation during the CZU lightning complex wildfires, particularly as they related to evacuating people with disabilities.

Motion to approve the letter as written

Motion/Second: Grijalva/Crosse

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2. Approve Letter Regarding Metro Accessible Services Coordinator Services

Commission reviewed a letter to the SCMTD Board of Directors advocating for Metro to maintain a full-time coordinator position, prioritize recruitment, provide services in the interim, and publicize how community members can access them.

Motion to approve the letter as written

Motion/Second: Molina/Gutierrez Baeza

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.3. County Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Competence Plan Feedback
Commission discussed the percentage of County employees that self-identified as having disabilities. In 2021, Baurmeister will work with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's ad hoc *Diversity & Inclusion Subcommittee* to develop an employee survey which will include elements related to disability. Commissioners will bring feedback on the EEO/CC Plan to the March meeting.
- 6.4. Metro Emergency Response Efforts
Commission discussed the SCMTD emergency response plan in development before the wildfires. Metro report will be removed from the agenda and revisited only as needed.
7. Commission Reports:
 - 7.1. History Report : None
 - 7.2. Internship Report
Hayes reported that most data has been collected and the parent survey and outreach flier are being translated so that they can be presented in both Spanish and English.
 - 7.3. Legislation Report: None
8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:
 - 8.1. Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Response Ad Hoc Subcommittee: No Report
 - 8.2. Kudos Ad Hoc Subcommittee: No Report
 - 8.3. Recreation Subcommittee: No Report
9. Staff Report:
Staff reported on the status of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout and directed Commissioners to the County's vaccination webpage for the most current information.
10. Emerging Matters:
 - 10.1. Molina reported on his advocacy with Congresswoman Anna Eshoo regarding pediatric vaccines. Commission discussed the larger issue of prioritizing vaccinations for high-risk members of the disabilities community.
Motion authorizing staff to schedule a virtual training event on advocacy related to vaccinations for people with disabilities.
Motion/Second: Molina/Daugherty
Motion passed unanimously.
 - 10.2. Taylor reported that the Santa Cruz County Superior Court is accepting applications to serve on the Grand Jury.

Adjournment at 1:40 PM

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*