



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, August 11, 2022
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: Rebecca Haifley (*1st 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: John Daugherty (*1st District*), Fay Levinson (*2nd District*), Richard Gubash (*3rd District*)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order
Meeting convened at 12:36 PM.
2. Roll Call
Commission welcomed new District 1 Commissioner Rebecca Haifley.
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve June 9, 2022 Minutes
Motion to Approve Minutes as written
Motion/Second: Molina/Gutierrez Baeza
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment: None
6. New/Continuing Business:
 - 6.1. Reduction of DHCS Working Disabled Program Premiums
Grijalva announced the recent reduction/elimination of premiums for DHCS Disabled Program participants.
 - 6.2. Consider 2022 Legislative Priorities
Commission considered the following legislative priorities as recommended by the ad hoc Legislative Subcommittee:
 - CA – AB-1663 The Probate Conservatorship Reform and Supported Decision-Making Act
 - CA – SB-1092: Equitable Access to Services
 - CA – AB-2511 Skilled Nursing Facilities: Back-up Electrical Supply ASM Irwin
 - CA – AB-1900: Medi-Cal Income level Maintenance
 - CA – AB-2077: Personal Needs Allowance ASM Calderon
 - Federal – H.R. 431/S. 212: Access Technology Affordability Act

Motion authorizing the Legislative Subcommittee to advocate in support of the 2022 legislative priorities established by the subcommittee.

Motion/Second: Molina/Grijalva

Motion passed unanimously.

6.3. County Accessibility Standards for Electronic Documents

Commission considered opportunities for advocacy related to accessibility screening for County electronic documents created using Microsoft Office programs and Adobe Acrobat.

Motion authorizing Chair to send letter advocating for accessibility screening of County electronic documents.

Motion/Second: Molina/Gutierrez

Motion passed unanimously.

6.4. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Finding

Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely if allowable under the provisions of AB 361

Motion/Second: Molina/Grijalva

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Commission Reports:

7.1. History Report:

7.1.1. Commission History Project:

Staff reported that the internship posting is ongoing and electronic records are being categorized for research purposes.

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

8.1. Recreation Subcommittee

Molina reported that the program is underway and continues to be refined for better accessibility. Staff reported that Parks staff have been receptive to suggestions for improvements in response to community feedback. Commission agreed to send acknowledgement to Parks staff for their efforts to implement this program under difficult circumstances including a state-wide instructor shortage and pandemic closures. Commission will initiate Kudos planning at the September meeting.

9. Staff Report

Staff reported that the EEO/CC Plan is undergoing final approvals before submission to the Board potentially in September. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Survey presentation is being finalized. Commissioners were encouraged to attend the Health Services Agency Townhall on Monkeypox.

10. Emerging Matters:

Leimbach announced his resignation from the Commission due to work-related time constraints and Commissioners thanked him for his excellent service to the Commission and the disabilities community during his term and encouraged him to re-apply in future if/when time allows. Taylor expressed appreciation for IHSS Advisory Commission Chair Michael Molesky in his efforts to initiate local support groups. Additional information on groups will be provided when it becomes available.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:26 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*