



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES

*Regular Meeting – January 13, 2023 - 2:00 p.m.
Teleconference*



Members Present: Michelle Krug (Chair), Jessica Kramer, Janette Shelton, Karolyn Smith, Kaye Turpin, and Dr. Sherie Kainz Ibarra

Members Absent: Rickeena Kamei-Boyd (Vice-Chair), Candice Custodio-Tan, and Jose Gaspar

COSD Staff: Katie McKnight and Todd Hood

The meeting was called to order at 2:10pm by Chair Michelle Krug.

Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2022

Janette made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Karolyn seconded the motion: committee approved.

Non-Agenda Comment

Michelle informed the committee that there are other organizations that want to pull back the option for public to call into public meetings. She wants to bring this to their attention so that members can weigh in with other organizations to maintain that accessibility. She would like this topic to be listed on a future agenda.

Jessica attended the National ADA Coordinator Training Conference that included law enforcement professionals and is looking forward to sharing what she learned.

Sheriff's Department

Guest Speaker: Dave Brown, Assistant Sheriff

Assistant Sheriff Brown manages the patrol stations, 911 dispatch, voluntary services, community relations, crime lab and other areas. He oversees approximately 1,000 sworn staff and 500 professional staff. He provided a personal and professional history of his experience working with the County, as well as the structure of the Sheriff's department.

He explained the implementation and use of body cameras that deputies wear and how those recordings are used as training opportunities. Assistant Sheriff Brown reviews all videos with complaints and certain incidents, and he uses those videos with Deputies to show what was done well and what should have been handled differently as teaching opportunities.

In relation to arrests of persons with disabilities, the department has the discretion to determine if someone needs to physically go to jail or if their case can be referred to the District Attorney's Office due to someone not being considered a flight risk. They will also work with their partners to get the necessary equipment to assist a person with a disability if and when needed, but from experience those

numbers have been extremely low, and they have never not been able to support an individual's needs.

Committee Questions and Responses:

Q: Is there a program in your department specific to PTSD and veterans?

A: The department has connections with military police and will often reach out for assistance to address and deescalate a situation with a veteran.

- They also have Psychological Emergency Response Training (PERT) teams who specialize with mental health crises. The goal is to remove or reduce police presence and introduce mental health professionals.
- The department has also employed dispatchers with military experience and disabilities to assist with emergency calls.

Q: Jessica brought up the Take Me Home program and asked about Deputy's knowledge and involvement with the program.

A: Assistant Sheriff Brown, discussed the history of the program and the advances that have been made in the program since those lists were on paper. The department now has a system where officers can make note of premise history to include if there is a resident with a disability so that on future calls in the future, officers will be aware.

- He described the [One Safe Place](#) program that currently exists in North County.

Q: What type of community groups or mechanisms does the department have in place to hear from the community?

A: The Sheriff's office regularly sends representatives to local meetings and events to interact with unique communities to be familiar with the local population and needs. They recognize that every community is different and has different needs and interests and its important for the Captains to engage and be familiar with these interests.

Q: Does the department track trends or statistics related to hate crimes against persons with disabilities?

A: The department does track data and statistics related to crimes and events. It can be difficult to track hate crimes due to the definition of hate as well as the reliance on self-reporting of disabilities. He believes that the definition of hate crimes against persons with disabilities is vague and that vulnerable communities are targeted by opportunistic people such as thieves, but that doesn't meet the definition of a hate crime.

Q: Could someone put in a public records request to get a report on hate crimes related to persons with disabilities?

A: A public records request is for a document that already exists, not to request a new report. He believes that crimes against a person with a disability are under counted because it is dependent on the victim disclosing a disability.

- Assistant Sheriff Brown will request a new report to identify numbers and history and will send it to Todd to share with the committee. He clarified that his department covers a quarter of the districts within San Diego and recommended that the committee seek similar information from SANDAG as they also track this information.

Q: Are your intelligence officers using technology like AI to advance reports more efficiently?

A: Yes, half of his analysts come from FBI and DOD with advanced experience and skills. His team uses a variety of programs to identify patterns and then analysis to look for new trends.

AB 2343 Board of State and Community Corrections

Kaye read the denial letter from Governor Newsome for the committee as well as the draft letter that she put together for the committee.

Caroline Smith, Director of the Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs provided background on the process for the committee to provide input on legislation outside of County jurisdiction. Caroline informed the committee that not only is the County supporting the upcoming bill (previously known as AB 2343) but is actually a sponsor of the bill and will be advocating for its passage with Governor Newsom.

She also explained the parameters of A-74 and how the committee can support the bill. The committee may write a memo or letter to Caroline's office in support of the bill, and then her office can write a memo to the Board to inform them of the support. She also mentioned that it can be beneficial to write a memo to her office indicating what they recommend be kept from AB 2343, and if they have any recommended amendments.

- She clarified that Assembly Member Dr. Weber is the author of the bill as it must be an assembly person that introduces a bill, but the County is a sponsor of the bill and is working with her office closely to draft and lobby for the bill.
- The County office is supporting her office and assisting with the leg work needed to research and support the bill.

Procedurally, the committee's letter should be addressed to Todd Hood. He will then present to the Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs. Caroline Smith will then forward that letter from the committee to the BOS.

- Michelle wants to make sure that it is clear to the BOS that the recommendation is coming from the Committee for Persons with Disabilities.
- The committee was advised on the process detailed in Policy A-74 and some members want their letter of support be sent directly to the BOS and not through the procedure set in Policy A-74.

Karolyn made a motion to delay this subject to the February meeting and Sherie seconded.

- Karolyn voted yes
- Sherie voted yes
- Michelle voted no
- Janette voted no
- Kaye vote no
- Jessica voted no

The subject will not be delayed to February.

Michelle recommended two edits for the letter. Michelle recommends that the letter be sent to both Todd Hood to follow the A-74 procedure and separately send a copy to the Supervisors.

Kaye has recommended writing a memo to Caroline Smith requesting that she forward the committee's letter on their behalf.

Vote to approve the letter and memo

- Karolyn voted to abstain
- Sherie voted to abstain
- Michelle voted yes
- Janette voted yes
- Kaye voted yes
- Jessica - absent

Committee voted to approve the letter and memo. Kaye will send to final version to Katie, and Katie will coordinate signature and delivery with Michelle.

Clerk of the Board Fact Sheet

Todd is updating the fact sheet to reflect that the committee meets monthly rather than quarterly, as well as meeting and location information.

Receiving and Distributing County Announcements

Delayed to February meeting.

Authorization of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)

Karolyn moved to extend government code 54953(e) to the February meeting. Janette seconded the motion; committee approved.

Meeting Adjournment

Michelle adjourned the meeting at 4:20pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on February 10, 2023 at 2:00 pm on Zoom. Meeting will have video and presentation capabilities, as well as a dial-in phone number.