



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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### **MEETING MINUTES**

*Regular Meeting – January 17, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.*

**Members Present:** Michelle Krug (Chair), Janette Shelton (Vice-Chair), Kaye Turpin, Jessica Kramer and Sue Madison

**Members Absent:** Dr. Karolyn Smith

**COSD Staff:** Todd Hood and Kate McKnight

**Presenters:** None

### **Call to Order**

Welcoming Remarks / Introductions

### **Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to approve the December meeting minutes: committee approved.

### **Non-Agenda Comment**

Jessica Kramer shared a personal experience with In Home Supportive Services related to her request with accommodations. She identified that there is no formal ADA request form made available to clients and would like to discuss this as a future agenda item.

### **Facility Security and Signage**

Guest Speakers: Paul Bonanno, Sheriff's Department and Boutros Chihwaro, Facilities

At the County Administrative Center, the Sheriff's Deputies experienced an influx of individuals bringing pets (not service animals) into the building to conduct business. To address this, they researched signage to communicate with the public. County Communications created a new sign to present to the Committee for input, this sign will be used at County properties.

Committee Recommendations:

- Add the word "Pet" at the beginning of the note at the bottom to in reference to leash laws
- Use "Service Animals" rather than "Assistance Animals"
- Committee recommended that Sheriff Deputies should become familiar with the new Court Services policy as a standard
  - Deputy Weissner explained that the new policy is through the State of California and is different than County policies
- Change "inoculations" to "rabies"
- Confirm font and sizing for easy reading

### **Point in Time Count – Thursday January 25, 2024**

Todd Hood shared a video advertising the upcoming Point in Time Count and details of the event for the committee's consideration if any would like to participate. Committee members who are interested will connect to coordinate sign up locations.

## **Voting Procedures**

Todd Hood shared a video on voting procedures. The chair may state “If there is no objection” in order to move forward with a motion.

Roll call vote is needed during officer elections.

## **Disability Rights in Behavioral Health Services**

Jessica Kramer confirmed the last Behavioral Health Services Committee meeting was cancelled due to the holidays.

No updates on the Qualifying a Disability Checklist.

Jessica Kramer would like to present at the February meeting on SB-43.

The committee will continue to discuss SB-43 and engage with other committee and board meetings related to this topic.

A motion was passed to invite a representative from the DA office to present to the committee on SB-43 and share the amicus brief written by DA Summer Stephens to the US Supreme Court.

The committee identified the following entities who are working on SB-43 and will reach out to them:

- Jewish Family Services
- Legal Aid
- Disability Rights California
- County Departments:
  - Health Services Advisory Board
  - Behavioral Health Services
  - District Attorney
  - Public Defender

## **Committee Structure**

The committee has five vacancies:

- District 1 – 2
- District 4 – 2
- District 5 – 1

Committee officer nominations will occur at the February meeting and the election will take place at the March meeting.

## **2024 Priorities**

A motion was approved to prioritize Behavioral Health Services, legislation around SB-43 and CARE Court, and continuing collaboration with District Attorney and Sheriff’s Department.

## **Letters of Acknowledgement for DA and Sheriff’s Departments**

A motion was passed to send the letter of acknowledgement to Sheriff Martinez.

A motion was made to have the letter signed by all committee members. The motion died.

A motion was made and seconded to have Kaye sign the letter. The motion was approved.

The letter for the DA will be drafted by Jessica Kramer and Janette Shelton.

## **New Business – Future Agenda Items**

- SB 43

- Qualifying a Disability Checklist
- Recommendations on ADA request form and information for IHSS clients
- Protocol for committee letters

### **Meeting Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm

**The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 3:00 pm at the following address:**

County Administrative Center

Room 302

1600 Pacific Highway

San Diego, CA 92101

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