



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting – February 21, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Michelle Krug (Chair), Janette Shelton (Vice-Chair), Jessica Kramer and Dr. Karolyn Smith

Members Absent: Sue Madison

COSD Staff: Todd Hood and Kate McKnight

Presenters: None

Call to Order

Welcoming Remarks / Introductions

Just Cause Request

Jessica Kramer participated remotely for just cause under AB 2449.

Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2024

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

Non-Agenda Comment

Todd Hood offered an opportunity for the Committee to host a table at the County's Ethics Awareness Fair at the County Operations Center on March 28th. A motion was made and seconded for the Committee to host a table at the Ethics Fair, the motion passed unanimously.

Updates to the Administrative Code – Boards, Commissions and Committees (BCC)

The BCC unit has been requested to make changes to administrative codes to assist community advisory boards, commissions, and committees to recruit and retain volunteers. Per the County of San Diego Administrative Ordinance for some groups, such as the Committee for Persons with Disabilities, there are term limits. Due to the existing term limits in the ordinance, waivers from the Board of Supervisors are not allowed so that volunteers may serve longer. The BCC is looking for feedback from the committee on whether removing term limits from the ordinance would assist the board in recruiting and retaining volunteers, and if there are other change requests.

Committee Feedback:

- An accommodation allowing committee members with disabilities to attend virtually (web/teleconference) would be key to enhance recruitment, retention and participation.
- Support of term limits is split between Committee members.
 - A motion was made to table the topic for further discussion at the March meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Rickeena Kamei stated that if term limits are waived, enough vacancies exist on the committee for any interested applicants to be appointed by other Supervisors.

Bylaws for Committee

Janette Shelton is working on a draft of bylaws for the committee. A motion was made and seconded to establish bylaws for the committee; the motion passed unanimously.

Disability Rights in Behavioral Health Services

Jessica Kramer provided the committee an update on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board activity and SB 43-Behavioral Health.

Qualifying a Disability Checklist

Tabled topic for March meeting.

ADA Request Form for IHSS Clients

Tabled topic for March meeting.

SB 43 – Behavioral Health

Incorporated in report above.

Committee Structure

Vacancies

Contact Supervisor offices for appointments

- District 1 – 2
- District 2 – 1
- District 3 - 1
- District 4 – 2
- District 5 – 1

Officer Elections

Nominations for Chair:

- Jessica Kramer, declined
- Karolyn Smith

Nominations for Vice Chair:

- Janette Shelton
- Jessica Kramer, declined

Nominations for Secretary:

None

Elections will be held in the March meeting. The floor will be open for additional nominations.

Disaster Relief for People with Disabilities

Guest Speaker: Daniel Vasquez, Office of Emergency Services

Daniel Vasquez presented on a Board Letter requesting a report on current and future capabilities and response of Emergency Services. He reviewed the request from the board, the outreach strategy, focus areas and a draft timeline of activities.

Committee feedback:

- Individuals in rural areas are excluded from some County programs based on index maps, the committee recommends that the OES partner with community planning groups in the rural areas.
- Keep an eye on legacy systems in rural areas to update to more modern systems.
- Provide phone numbers in addition to email contacts for the survey
- Include day of the week when providing timelines
- Make survey accessible through phone in addition to online
- Share information with other stakeholders with resources

- In the future, keep links open for those in need of resources to track need beyond just meeting FEMA numbers
- Outreach with community locations such as libraries, VA, American Legion, events, community centers, voting centers, etc.
- Craft exemptions for funding opportunities for those with extraordinary/different circumstances
- Utilize Facebook pages of the community planning groups to help communicate with rural populations

The survey is open and can be completed using this link: [Regional Disaster Management | Engage San Diego County](#).

If individuals need disability accommodations or would like to provide feedback in an alternate format, they can contact engage@sdcountry.ca.gov. They may also call 619-415-1299 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to verbally submit survey responses.

Letter of Acknowledgement for District Attorney

Tabled for March meeting.

New Business – Future Agenda Items

None

Meeting Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:03pm

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 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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