



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MINUTES

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2015

Los Angeles City Hall Board of Public Works

200 North Spring Street, Room 350, Los Angeles, California 90012

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert Bitonte
Theresa de Vera
Michael Griggs
Richard Rothenberg
Alisa Schlesinger
Robert Williams
Betty Wilson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

David Wolf (excused)
Harriet Posner (excused)

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Stephen Simon, Executive Director
Angela Kaufman, ADA Compliance Officer
Tony Abraham, Senior Management Analyst

COMMISSION STAFF:

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

GUESTS:

Neal Richman, Westside Independent
Living Center
Stephanie Lee, NSCLC

* AUDIO TAPE(S) and CAPTIONING NOTES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

ITEM NO. (1): CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN.

President Bitonte called the regular meeting to order at 1:15 P.M. Roll call was conducted and a quorum of the commissioners was present.

ITEM NO. (2): APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTE

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN

Commission will approve the December 2014 minutes once they are prepared and presented at the next COD meeting.

ITEM NO. (3): PUBLIC COMMENT

DISPOSITION: PUBLIC COMMENTARY RECEIVED – FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSES ONLY*

Public comments were granted.

ITEM NO. (4): VETERANS HOMELESSNESS AND PROPOSITION 41

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

At the August 6, 2014 Commission meeting the Commission approved motion 08062014-5D that recommended to the Mayor and City Council to seek support of the City's and Commission position on housing of homeless veterans in Los Angeles from the Los Angeles County Medical Association and other appropriate organizations.

President Bitonte offered a resolution to the California Medical Association (CMA) to support the Commission on Disability and its motion 08062014-5D.

Today President Bitonte reported that CMA approved its own motion.

Ms. Carey Stone identified the lead agency to whom to make recommendations as the California Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD). However, HCDD collaborates with the California Housing Finance Agency and the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

Ms. Stone will also investigate whether there is a forum or committee that a COD commissioner could join, in order to ensure that the COD recommendations are presented clearly.

Ms. Stone will identify whether such a forum or committee exists and report back.

ITEM NO. (5): UPDATE ON THE CITY HEALTH COMMISSION

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Ricky Rosales, AIDS Coordinator, reported on Council File 14-0596 that established the Commission on Public Health.

The recent City Administrative Officer's report recommended that one employee be hired to the City Clerk's Office to staff the City Health Commission.

The ordinance and Council File indicates that each City Councilmember is to appoint a one of 15 Commissioners to the new commission.

However, Mr. Rosales indicated that COD and others must consider the amount of time that appointees must dedicate to the new Commission. Newly appointed commissioners are obligated to attend and participate in all County Public Health Department meetings related to services impacting the City of Los Angeles.

Mr. Rosales and Mr. Simon have recommendations on how the AIDS Coordinator can participate on the new Commission, but must evaluate its time commitment due to other work assignments.

Mr. Rosales will update the commission at the next meeting.

ITEM NO. (6): CALIFORNIA COORDINATED CARE INITIATIVE.

DISPOSITION: ACTION TAKEN.

At its meeting of November 5, 2014, the Commission approved the motion that was relative to the Commission on Disability recommending the study of the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) and its impact on people with disabilities by inviting testimony from people with disabilities and from subject matter experts.

At today's meetings of January 7, 2015, there were presentations by **Neal Richman**, Westside Independent Living Center; **Stephanie Lee**, Supervising Attorney, Health Community Center, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles which serves as the CCI Ombudsman for Los Angeles County

The Commission wishes to explore whether any program evaluations or customer surveys will be conducted to study the impact of CCI and whether it has disrupted care to people with disabilities.

Based on studies and available program evaluations, the Commission on Disability will consider in the future what further action to take.

Ms. Lee reported that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid has contracted with the Research Triangle Institute to evaluate the CCI and will report back next month.

Additionally, the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHS) and the California Department of Management are obligated under CCI to report to the California legislature about CCI.

Ms. Lee recommended that the Commission could possibly host an educational forum for social service providers and the provider community that work with consumers of CCI.

Questions arise how the program is being evaluated, since it is a pilot program. Mr. Richman

Mr. Richman agreed and has been recommending a program evaluation on CCI.

Yet some clients who might be surveyed and studied do not have updated phone numbers in databases.

Mr. Richman also agrees that social services, outreach groups, and health providers must be trained at the outset about the provisions of CCI, in order to assist their clients.

ITEM NO. (7): DISCUSSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT.

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Stephen Simon provided an update on department's activities, especially its budget recommendations for FY 15-16, which includes:

- Staff. Two new project coordinators in the ADA Compliance Unit.
- Video Remote Interpreting. \$40,000 for contracts to provide VRI services to non-propriety departments.
- JAWS and other software. \$8,000 for JAWS and other software will be used to test web accessibility to comply with the ADA and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act
- Youth Health Care Coordinator. \$6,200 to contribute into a new program that encourages youth to provide health care services to the community.
- Salaries Overtime. \$5,000.

- Printing and Binding: Only \$12,000 for printing and binding has been allocated for FY 15-16.
- Travel: \$7,000 for NAADAC in San Diego.

ITEM NO. (8): PUBLIC COMMENT.

DISPOSITION: DISCUSSION.

ITEM NO. (9): NEW BUSINESS

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Tribute to Dr. Walter Wolf.

ITEM NO. (10): ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

ITEM NO. (11):

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 3:11 P.M.

Robert Bitonte, President DATE
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Tony Abraham, DATE
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY