



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MINUTES

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 4, 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
Richard Rothenberg (excused)
Alisa Schlesinger
Robert Williams
Betty Wilson
David Wolf

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Michael Griggs (excused)

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Tony Abraham, Senior Management Analyst I
Angela Kaufman, ADA Compliance Officer

COMMISSION STAFF:

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

GUESTS:

Neal Richman, Westside Independent Living
Center

* **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*

Carey Stone submitted a draft letter for Commission President Bitonte to review and approve for his eventual signature. The letter requests the Mayor and City Council of Los Angeles to support the Commission by contacting the primary California state agencies overseeing implementing Proposition 41 and requesting funding for the City of Los Angeles that is in proportion to the homeless veteran population. The primary California agencies are as follows:

- California Housing and Community Development
- California Department of Veterans Affairs
- California Housing Agency

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 City Council's Budget & Finance Committee instructed that no meetings of the new Commission on Health be held until the City Council identifies a funding source for the new

Commission and confers with the City Attorney whether to amend the ordinance creating the Commission to eliminate the restriction on use of general funds.

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.

The Commission has invited guest to speak about the impacts of the California Coordinated Care (CCI) Initiative on people with disabilities, in particular, whether CCI has disrupted medical care during the passive enrollment process.

The Commission has also requested information about the program evaluation of CCI established by the Senate Bill that created CCI.

Neil Richman, Westside Center for Independent Living, briefly discussed a LA Times article on CCI and distributed a report discussing the design of CCI and is dated in July 2014. The report was by the Research Triangle Institute and sponsored by the Center on Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). The report provided the design of CCI and an evaluation protocol requiring the program to be monitored for implementation, evaluate its impacts, and discuss unintended consequences.

The Commission requested guest and Disability's staff to discover studies by the Department of Health Care Services, which were to be presented to the State legislature.

Commissioner Wilson indicated that although she doesn't receive Medi-Cal, she experienced her dental insurance changing, and so she asked the staff to investigate whether the State Insurance Commission might be of some assistance on all of these insurance issues.

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

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

Stephen Simon has an excused absence and requested the staff to report that the Department is in the midst of the budget, experienced some proposed cuts in the budget that the Department is seeking to address, and expects to update the Commission at the next meeting.

ITEM NO. (8): PUBLIC COMMENT.

DISPOSITION: DISCUSSION.

ITEM NO. (9): NEW BUSINESS

DISPOSITION: NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY*

There was a recommendation for DOD to place the ABLE Act on its website.

Commissioner de Vera would like to discuss celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the signing of the ADA.

The Commission also expressed a wish to discuss fund raising.

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