



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 1:00 P.M.

Department on Disability

Zoom Video Conference

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Myrna Cabanban

David Wolf

Iran Hopkins

Alisa Schlesinger

Dr. Robert Bitonte

Robert Williams

Candace Cable

Betty Wilson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Richard Rothenberg

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Stephen David Simon, Executive Director, Department on Disability

Jaime Pacheco Orozco, Assistant Executive Director, Department on Disability

Peter Soto, Management Analyst, Department on Disability

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

GUESTS:

Arin Parsa, a 9th grade student, Teens for Vaccines

Crystal Straight, Chief of Staff, State Senator Richard Pan's Office, District 6

ITEM NO. (1): FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB 361

Determination in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, this commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Action Taken: The Commission on Disability approved the teleconference meetings pursuant to AB361.

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

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the March 2022 and the Commission on Disability voted to approve them.

Action Taken: The Commission approved the minutes for March 9, 2022.

ITEM NO. (3): PUBLIC COMMENT

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (4): LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL POLICY PRIORITIES

Guest speakers provided the Commission on Disability with a highlight on local, State, and Federal level policy priorities. beginning with

- I. Presentation is by key community partners, including representatives from California State Senator Richard Pan's office discussing SB 866 and SB 871 and their impacts on California and the Disability Community. Crystal Straight, Chief of Staff, State Senator Richard Pan's Office, District 6 and Arin Parsa, a 9th grade student, Teens for Vaccines presented to the Commission on Disability on the vaccine working group policies. SB 866 permits minors 12 years and older to consent to vaccination and builds on existing law, which currently allows minors 12 and over to make choices about their bodies around reproductive healthcare. SB 871 would remove the exception relating to hepatitis B and prohibit the governing authority of a school or other institution from unconditionally admitting any person, unless prior to their admission to that institution they have been fully immunized against COVID-19. The presenters asked if the Commission on Disability would support any of the Senate Bills. Peter Soto, Management Analyst, Department on Disability presented to the Commission on Disability on policy for organizations. The Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund missions is to advance the civil and human rights of people with disabilities through legal advocacy, training, education, and public policy and legislative development. They are currently working on SB-380: End of life, SB-639 Minimum wages: persons with disabilities, developing partnerships with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and The Community Living Policy Center at the University of California San Francisco with Mary Lou Breslin. The American Association of Persons with Disabilities mission is to increasing the political and economic power of people with disabilities. They advocate for full civil rights for the over 60 million Americans with disabilities by promoting equal opportunity, economic power, independent living, and political participation. They are currently working on letters supporting Supplemental COVID. Respectabilities mission is to fight stigmas and advances opportunities so people with disabilities can fully participate in all aspects of community. They are currently working with congressional and other Federal/State body testimony/advisement and gathering reports, resources, testimonies, toolkits and data. The Disability Rights California mission is to defend advance and strengthen the rights and opportunities of people with disabilities. They are currently working on AB-313 Civil service: Limited Examination and Appointment Program, AB-323 Long-

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term health facilities, SB-14 Pupil health: school employee and pupil training: excused absences: youth mental and behavioral health, and SB-639 Minimum wages: persons with disabilities.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only

ITEM NO. (5): EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ongoing update on items relating to Department activities, metrics, budget, planning, and/or other relevant issues. Presentation is by Stephen David Simon, Executive Director, Department on Disability and/or other department staff. On April 14th Mayor Garcetti held the State of the City that outlines the policy, priorities, budget, and the status the City on the current priorities for the year. The Mayor is also getting this budget for the next fiscal year to council. DOD should be getting a draft of their blue book, that gives specifics on the budgets for the department. The department has a few positions open that need to be filled quickly as possible, hosted G3ICT training on a procurement policy, participated in the LAWA Air X exercise on April 19th on a simulated disaster, continue working on air travel for people who use wheelchairs, and is looking for outdoor venues for the ReelAbilities.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (6): NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items for the next regular meeting's agenda and announcements from Commissioners, DOD staff, and guests, as well as follow-up items from this or previous commission meetings to be presented at the next meeting. Commissioner Bitonte indicated that the LA County Bar offered the COD or the department to do some pro bono work and asked the department to offer something by next month. Commissioner Cable suggested to have Marsha Bachman to speak at a COD meeting about gender identity and gender expression tool kit. Peter reminded the COD that elections and voting will happen in July and formalize the COD calendar.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (7): ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30 P.M.