



CITY OF OAKLAND
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, October 14, 2013

Minutes

- I. Called to order at 1:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call:
 - Quorum: Yes
 - See Exhibit 1A
 - Chairperson Stephen Beard acknowledged members of the public that were in attendance. (See Exhibit A.2)
- III. Public Comments
 - Sandi Soliday, Coordinator, Developmental Disabilities Council, Alameda County announced recent legislation that will effect Persons with Developmental Disabilities and the Regional Centers.
 - First is SB468 which provides for client's self determination path at the Regional Centers.
 - Second bill is SB1031 that promotes employment among Persons with Developmental Disabilities.
 - Alameda County Behavioral Health is cooperating with the Regional Center on a project that will provide care and treatment for Persons with Developmental Disabilities that have mental health issues. This project will be housed at the Shriver Center at the Gail Steward Wellness Center located at 409 Jackson Street in Hayward. The Shriver Center is scheduled to open in January 2014.
- IV. Commissioner's Announcements
 - Commissioner Hurd informed the MCPD that during the week of October 21, 2013 she will be at an out-of-state meeting on behalf of the Oakland Housing Authority.
 - Commissioner Beard announced that his real estate business will host a free home ownership workshop that will focus on accessible and affordable housing. The workshop will be on October 30, 2013 at the Mason-McDuffie Real Estate Office at 2095 Rose Street, Berkeley.

V. Approval of Minutes

- September 16, 2013
- Ms. Calabrese explained to the commission that the minutes are not meant to be a verbatim record but they are to report the actions of the commission. Therefore many announced events are announced as report backs for efficiency.
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Thompson/Commissioner Blanks
- Motion passed, 9=Ayes, 1=no; 2=abstentions, Commissioners Beard and Hurd.

VI. Agenda Modification and Approval

- October 14, 2013
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Beard/Commissioner Hurd
- Agenda accepted by consensus

VII. Chairperson's Report

- Report back from National Disability Employment Awareness Month, NDEAM Conference October 8, 2013.
 - The Commission co-sponsored this event with the State of California's Department of General Services. Chairperson Beard provided a brief summary on the commission and its duties. He introduced the conference's speaker Mr. Tom Heinz. (Who is one of the speakers today).
 - The MCPD had a small resource table manned by Commissioner Rosenblatt.
 - Commissioner Burns brought a small contingent of her students from Skyline High to the conference.
- Annual Retreat Reminder. Chairperson Beard announced plans for the December 9, 2013 retreat. Location is tentative for the Lake Merritt Garden Center. All commissioners were urged to make plans to attend the retreat. This is where the commission will plan its focus for 2014.
- Membership Update. Still 12 commissioners out of a possible 15. Please refer any potential candidates to Chairperson Beard's attention.
- Encouraged commissioners to reach out to Commissioner Hernandez who is undergoing serious medical concerns.

- Acknowledged Commissioner Lateef McLeod. He termed out in September 2013. His hard work on behalf of the MCPD produced a contribution that was dramatic and extremely effective. Thanked him for his hard work.
 - Presented Commissioner McLeod with a plaque from Mayor Jean Quan acknowledging his commitment to the commission over the years which he served.

VIII. Vice-Chairperson's Report

- No report

IX. Committee Reports

A. Access Compliance Advisory Committee (ACAC). Chairperson Scott Blanks reported: The ACAC meeting will be this Wednesday, October 16, 2013, in Hearing Room 3.

- Featured will be staff reports regarding the disabled parking zone and curb ramp projects. There will be new information on litigation which centers on the Bellevue Avenue/Fairyland area.
 - There will be no update from AC Transition Bus Rapid Transit project but Co-chair Blanks is working closely with the AC Transit team to produce a specific report at a future date.
- Ms. Calabrese stated that reports heard at the Committee level are solely informational. Based upon the necessity of staff many reports will be forwarded back to either or both commissions for approval.
- ADA Buildings and Facilities Capital Improvement Program Update. Ms. Calabrese summarized the report on page 15 of the October 14, 2013 MCPD packet, which was forwarded to the general commission for approval.
 - Discussed that successive lawsuits brought by Attorney Paul Rein continue to severely restrict the use of ADA Capital Improvement Program dollars.
 - Motion/Second: Move that the MCPD approve the ADA Buildings and Facilities Capital Improvement Program Update report as described on page 15-17 of the October 14, 2013 MCPD packet.
 - Motion/Second: Commissioner Beard/Commissioner Hurd. So moved, by consensus.

- California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, CFLIC, Settlement (Emergency Preparedness) Final Monitoring Report Number Four. Ms. Calabrese reported that the semi-annual monitoring report is a huge milestone for the settlement program. The City has substantially completed all the major tasks in this five year effort and now delivers a package to the Emergency Management Service Division that includes the updated Functional Needs Annex and a robust training curriculum.
 - Received a response letter from DRA, while it was mostly positive, it did have some technical questions. The City is progressing on its across the board implementation of the Functional Needs Annex. (Please review report on page 18-25 in the October 14, 2013 packet)
 - Motion: Move that the MCPD approve the CFILC Report
 - Motion/Second: Commissioner Blanks/Commissioner Jacobson: So moved by consensus.
- Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Hearing Room Three, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)

B. Education & Outreach Ad-hoc Committee, EOC, reported by Chairperson Beard

- Youth In Action program is a cooperative effort among commissioners to celebrate young people with disabilities who demonstrate leadership for the Disability Community. It will be held at the Sail Boat House which is located inside of Lake Merritt on October 23, 2013, starting at 4:30 p.m.
 - Many commissioners volunteered to assist with the various tasks associated with this program. (See Exhibit B).

C. Strategic Planning & Oversight Ad-hoc Committee, SPOC, Chairperson Denise Jacobson discussed SPOC initiatives and it is recruiting for new committee members.

- Chairperson Beard emphasized the need for commissioners to continue to outreach to their respective elected officials and to make them aware of issues that are vital to the disability community.

X. Staff Reports

A. ADA Programs Division Update

- Please review Item IX above.

XI. Old Business

A. Planning for “A One Night Stand featuring the Comedians with Disabilities Act”; Friday, October 18, 2013, 6:00PM – 10:30PM, Creative Growth Art Center, 355 24th Street, Oakland. Tickets are \$10 for individuals with disabilities; \$50 for other individuals.

- The Housing Consortium of the East Bay (HCEB), in partnership with the City of Oakland Mayor’s Commission on Persons with Disabilities and Creative Growth Art Center will be hosting the event. This will be an evening of food and laughter, while we raise awareness and funds for HCEB programs. For tickets or more information go to; <http://hceb.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Event-Flyer-Registration.pdf> (See Exhibit C).
- 6:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m.: Dinner and drinks in Creative Growth's art gallery
- 7:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.: A ONE NIGHT STAND, featuring The Comedians with Disabilities Act
- 9:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.: VIP & Sponsor Reception
- WARNING: Show will contain adult material

XII. New Business,

A. Speakers Series, Discussion on Employment Opportunities and Strategies for the Disability Community. Commissioner Beard introduced both the speakers who are involved in employment and benefits for people with disabilities.

1. Bryon MacDonald, Program Director, Employment & Disability Initiative World Institute Disability, WID, bryon@wid.org and www.wid.org
 - Mr. Mac Donald talked about WID’s data base program, DB101. This is a useful tool for persons with disabilities. It demonstrates how benefits may be impacted when a person with a disability becomes employed.
 - The DB 101 explains the various benefits systems in plain language. It also provides a calculator tools that will assist applicants to actually obtain benefitted amounts.

- This is an Oakland home grown program. DB101 was launched in 2004. In 2007, its calculator tool was launched. There are five other states that have acquired this application and are utilizing the program for their residents. There are other states that request assistance with setting up their own “DB” program.
- DB 101 is a major support tool. This program helps people to take control of their benefits.

2. Tom Heinz, Executive Director, East Bay Innovations, www.eastbayinnovations.org.

- Described Project Search, this program offered by East Bay Innovations. Project Search provides on-the-job training courses and job placement through cooperative efforts with Oakland Adult and Career Education, Adults with Disabilities Program and the College of Alameda.
- Project SEARCH is a year-long, Monday through Friday internship for adults with developmental disabilities. Applicants must be at least 22 years of age by the specific program start date or graduated with a high school diploma and have an active case with the Regional Center of the East Bay.
- For additional information, contact:
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XIII. Meeting Evaluation

- Very informative.

XIV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Staff reports

XV. Adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

NOTE: THE COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
ON THE AGENDA

Public Comments: To offer public comments at the MCPD meeting, please register with Adriana Mitchell, ADA Programs Assistant, before the

start of the meeting. Public Comments is one of the first agenda items therefore, please, arrive by 12:45 p.m. Please note that the MCPD will not provide a detailed response to your comments but may schedule your issue for a future MCPD or committee meeting. The Public Comment period is limited to 15 minutes and each individual speaker is limited to 5 minutes. If more than 3 public speakers register, however, then each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. If more than 5 public speakers register, then each speaker will be limited to 2 minutes. Exceptions to these rules may be granted at the discretion of the Chairperson.

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