



Minutes
 City of Sacramento
 Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Vacant	David Bain	Robert Benson
Dawn Correia	Lester Finch, Jr.	Dan Kysor
Jeff Thom	Evangeline Skierka	Jessica Springer

CITY STAFF:

*Ken Fleming, Equal Opportunity Manager
 Neal Albritton, Citywide ADA Coordinator
 Obi Agha, Program Specialist*

*New City Hall
 915 I Street, 1st Floor - Conference Room 1104
 January 4, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.*

The Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission is an advisory board of the City Council with review and recommendation authority. Its purpose is to advise regarding compliance with federal and state disability laws; review policies, programs and activities that affect persons with disabilities; recommend procedures regarding reasonable accommodation; provide information, referral and technical assistance in matters pertaining to disabilities; and liaison with the City's ADA Coordinator.

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MINUTES

January 4, 2010

*New City Hall
915 I Street - 1st Floor, Conference Room 1104*

*(Enter from H Street side or Plaza Entrance
between Historic and New City Halls)*

All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission unless otherwise noted.

Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Members: Regular session called to order by Commissioner Bain at 6:08 PM on Monday, January 4, 2010. Meeting was held at New City Hall, Conference Room 1104.

Present: Bain, Correia, Finch, Springer, Thom, Benson

Absent: Kysor, Skierka

Commission Staff: Neal Albritton, City of Sacramento, EO/ADA Program

Presenters: Tim Brown, Department of Human Assistance

Guest: Jeffrey Tartegia

Agenda Review: The record reflects that no changes to the January 4, 2010 agenda were made.

Discussion / Action Reports

Discussion or action reports include oral presentations including those recommending receive and file.

1. Approval of Minutes for December 7, 2009

Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes.

Contact: Obi Agha, Program Specialist, (916) 808-8426, Human Resources Department.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Finch and Correia

Yes: Bain, Correia, Finch, Springer

No: None

Abstain: Benson

Approval of Minutes for December 17, 2009

Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes.

Contact: Obi Agha, Program Specialist, (916) 808-8426, Human Resources Department.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Benson and Finch

Yes: Bain, Benson, Correia, Finch, Springer

No: None

Abstain: None

2. Update on "Sacramento Plan to End Homelessness" by Tim Brown

Recommendation: Receive and File

Contact: Tim Brown, (916) 447-7063 extension 337, Director, Sacramento Steps Forward.

- Department of Human Assistance
- Providing the following services:
 - Case Management and Service Coordination
 - Substance Abuse Treatment
 - Mental Health Services
 - Programs for "serial annehbria" include: 90-day detox and housing
- There are 250 units under construction. Most, but not all, of the units are accessible.
- 2006 Plan to End Chronic Homelessness: Successful decrease from 800 to 500 chronically homeless (a 30% decrease from 2005 to 2008).
- 3-Year Goal: 1000 homeless prevented and 1000 newly housed.
- Funded in part by HUD
- Reviewing \$6-\$8 Million in Federal Stimulus Funds for homeless prevention, rental assistance, and rapid rehousing.
- 90 pet-friendly units in planning.
- Commissioner Bain suggested that accessible housing units be used.
- **Action Needed:** Staff to contact Tim Brown to request phone numbers of developers used and invite them to present at future DAC meeting.

3. "Understanding" Mental Illness by Commissioner Dawn Correia

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Dawn Correia, (916) 874-9416, Commissioner, Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission.

- Educating people about mental illness is important.
- Stigma is very powerful.
- Average Suicide Rate for People with Mental Illness = 30,000; 5,000 of those were individuals with untreated depression.

- Average lifespan is 15-25 years less.
- Concerns about how peace officers handle individuals with brain disorders. Police tend to draw their firearms more frequently in confrontations involving suspects with mental illness.
- NAMI provides 1-hour training to police cadets. This does not appear to be enough training.

4. Update on Current Accessibility Program and Activities

Recommendation: Receive and file or provide advice.

Contact: Neal Albritton, ADA Coordinator, (916) 808-8795, Human Resources Department.

- Continued activities by staff focused on physical and program access improvements within the City and improving access to electronic information via the Web.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

- Jeffrey Tartegia, asked for clarification of several prior meeting minutes that have been posted to the public.

Commission Ideas, Questions and Announcements

5. Issues for Future Meetings

- **Action Needed:** Staff to identify and invite a representative from the Police and Sheriff's Departments to address disability awareness training needs of their officers.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. Moved / Seconded: Commissioners Benson / Tom

Jeff Thom, Chair

Attest:

Commission Clerk-Secretary

Neal Albritton, City ADA Coordinator
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program