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Meeting Minutes



Regular Meeting – Virtual - June 17, 2026 – 3:00 pm

Members Present: Chair Janette Shelton, Vice Chair Susan Madison, Secretary Julie Neward, Laura Handzel, Jessica Kramer, Brennan Pearson, Michelle Krug (in person), and Paul Houston Sr. (in person, then virtual)

Members Absent: none

County Staff: Todd Hood and Jaime G Monreal

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 3:14pm by the Chair.

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances)

Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2026

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 2026 meeting minutes as amended; committee approved. Michelle abstained.

Non-Agenda Comment

- Sue announced the ongoing [California Office of Emergency Services Access & Functional Needs](#) newsletter and upcoming annual seminar/symposium regarding emergency preparedness for seniors and persons with disabilities.
- Michelle announced the County raising Juneteenth and pride flags.
- Michelle raised concerns around accessibility with CHAT or Q&A functions for County listening sessions via Zoom, regarding medical services.
- Michelle reported a barrier when applying for indigent medical services requires appointments by phone for in-person requests, versus online application similar to other programs.

- John Brady with Lived Experience Advisors informed the committee of an individual experiencing chronic homelessness after losing a housing voucher.
- Jessica informed the committee that she's advocating for a formal ADA interactive process, and is requesting to have the Board of Supervisors vote to implement a formal ADA interactive process for recipients of County services in Health and Human Services, Housing and Community Development Services, Aging and Independence Services and Behavioral Health Services.

Sunset Review

- Todd shared the Advisory Board Sunset Review questions which are due to be completed and submitted by October meeting
 - Committee will review and provide comments at the next meeting

Annual Report 2025/2026 Preparation

- Janette asked for volunteers to draft the report covering July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 by October
 - Paul and Ayesha volunteered to draft the report with Janette
- John commented that, while homelessness is down, work still needs to be done around chronic homelessness for persons with disabilities

Strategic Focus Area – Housing Accessibility

- Brennan and Michelle reviewed a draft of their proposal
- The committee discussed:
 - Incorporating accessible housing with affordable housing and highlighted that accessible housing needs to be prioritized for persons with disabilities
 - Incorporating universal design to impact the most people and widest range of disabilities
 - Impacts of universal design such as the “curb-cut” effect of benefits to the broader population
 - Incentivizing developers to incorporate accessibility
 - Adding accessibility to currently occupied units
 - Considering needs of persons with behavioral health and sensory disabilities
 - Incorporating ADA interactive process for clients with housing vouchers
 - SMART goal of a universal design baseline for all required affordable units and set aside certain amount of units with first-priority leasing
- Janette requested a copy of the report be sent to the committee with updates based on comments for review at next meeting

Agency Resource Listing

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the agency resource list, as amended with Jessica's additions, with the understanding that it's a living document that we can add to in the future; committee approved.

New Business – Future Agenda Items

- Julie will be providing monthly updates from [Caregiving Across Generations](#)
- CAC Evacuation Update
 - Todd is working to find the best party to address the topic
- Janette confirmed ongoing meetings will be virtual

Meeting Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:55pm.

Click the link below for a video recording of the meeting.

[Committee for Persons with Disabilities Meeting – June 17, 2026](#)

The next regular meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

Public can attend in person at the following address:

County Administrative
Center Room 302
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

Committee for Persons with Disabilities website:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hr/CPD.html>

County of San Diego Accessibility Awareness website:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/cao/oec/accessibility/>