



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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### *MEETING MINUTES*

*Regular Meeting – July 8, 2022 - 2:00 p.m.  
Teleconference*



**Members Present:** *Kaye Kelley (Chair), Rickeena Kamei-Boyd (Vice-Chair), Jessica Kramer, Janette Shelton, and Jose Gaspar*

**Members Absent:** *Candice Custodio-Tan, Michelle Krug, Karolyn Smith and Sherie Kainz Ibarra.*

**COSD Staff:** *Katie McKnight and Todd Hood*

The meeting was called to order at 2:11pm by Chair Kaye Kelley; introductions followed.

### **Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes**

#### Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2022

Janette made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Jose seconded the motion: committee approved.

### **Non-Agenda Comment**

None

### **Sheriff's Department**

Presenter: Captain Kyle Bibel

Contact: [Kyle.Bibel@sdsheriff.org](mailto:Kyle.Bibel@sdsheriff.org)

Provided overview of Sheriff's department structure, region and purpose.

#### 2019 Data:

- Average of 5,600 individuals in custody throughout 6 facilities in the County
- Provided accommodation statistics for 2021 including ADA mobility, Cane, Crutches, Walker, Wheelchair and Wheelchair – Intermittent.

How do you identify persons with disabilities?

- Initial screening handled by a nurse, questions focused on medical and mental health history
- If identified, next sent to an assessment with a nurse and nurse practitioner to identify needs
- Identification then triggers a digital flag for a qualified disability and needs. Requires in person visit to discuss and manage needed assistance within 48-72 hours.
- Housing/detention facility assigned based on needs and resources
  - Specific facilities have resources such as medical infirmaries, assisted space for ADA compliant holding areas, and transportation (ADA vans and box trucks).

ADA related trainings are completed through academies and annual training requirements. Training is done in support of policies that are based on a variety of state and federal regulations such as Title 15

and Title 24. Amount and types of training are assigned based on job role. Training assignment, delivery and completion is tracked in the Learning Management System (LMS).

Committee Questions:

What would the department do if someone in a wheelchair was being detained and they did not have an ADA accessible van/vehicle?

- Sheriff's department has their own fleet to assist in these cases as well as contractors available if needed.

Is there training that has been implemented to train deputies on how to identify emergent medical situations (such as a diabetic event) versus possible substance use?

- Prior to booking, detainees are screened with urine tests and well as blood sugar levels
- Additional diabetes training has been included with basic first aid training

Would someone with a hearing impairment be sent to specific facility?

- Hearing impairments can be accommodated at all locations through on-site resources as well as interpreters

Do the facilities have Hoyer/patient lifts available for the medically fragile to assist with transfer such as wheelchair to bed?

- No, they do not have dedicated lifts inside the facility, they rely on medical staff on site.
- While not common, they have rented durable medical equipment when needed or work with that individual to contact or secure proper housing such as their partnership with Tri City Hospital.

What investigations are done about the deaths in the jails?

- Internal investigations, review by the medical examiner, the CLERB, as well as outside entities such as the JLAC commission.

What is your definition of disability?

- Policies use ADA definition

How are invisible disabilities identified and assisted?

- Often have to rely on individuals to identify and convey their disability so that they can adequately meet the needs to assist that individual.

Are service animals allowed to assistance individuals in custody?

- Incarcerated persons are not allowed to have their own services animals.
  - The department does routinely partner with the organization "love on a leash" which brings therapy dogs into the facilities for the benefit of the incarcerated population.

Are the nurses linked into the Take Me Home program?

- The nurses may not be familiar with that program, but they are tied into various systems and they can get assistance from a deputy.

Katie will send final pending questions to Captain Bibel and follow up at next meeting.

**2022 Accessibility Board Letter**

Office of Ethics and Compliance received feedback through the three engagement sessions as well as the survey in June. They received almost 500 responses from the survey. Todd and the working group are continuing to review and compile information in order to present recommendations and findings at

the August 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

The survey was available in six languages and individuals could contact OEC for assistance if needed.

Approximately 60% of respondents either have a disability or are a caregiver to a person with a disability.

The survey asked respondents to indicate what County departments they interact with or seek services from. Assessor Recorder/County Clerk, Treasurer Tax Collector and Communications are FG3 departments that the respondents engaged with. Additionally, many respondents stated that they interact with Libraries and Parks & Recreation in LUEG.

Todd recommended that the committee may have an opportunity to engage with departments such as those below as a resource since he does not believe there are any current community advisory committees. Todd will confirm with the Accessibility Awareness Working Group.

- Library
- Parks and Recreation
- Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk
- Animal Services
- Treasurer/Tax Collector
- Communications Office
- Human Resources
- Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

### **Social Services Transportation Advisory Council**

SANDAG is holding their yearly public meeting to solicit input on transportation needs from seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons with limited means. Members of the public are invited to provide testimony at the SSTAC meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Kaye will resend the email invitation to the committee.

### **2022 Committee Objectives**

The committee discussed what direction they want to do next now that they have had presentations from several departments.

The committee would like to have follow up with the Sheriff's department on the front-line training and policies, as well as understand more about the two facilities with accommodations.

The committee will be having a Special Meeting on 7/29/2022 to discuss Committee objectives and next steps. Todd mentioned that the committee members are due to complete Ethics Awareness training. HE will send the information with a link for the training.

### **Authorization of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)**

Jessica moved to extend government code 54953(e) to the August meeting. Rickeena seconded the motion; committee approved.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Kaye adjourned the meeting at 3:35pm.

**The next regular meeting will be held on August 12, 2022 at 2:00 pm on Zoom. Meeting will have**

**video and presentation capabilities, as well as a dial-in phone number.**