

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
April 26, 2006**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Leslie Isenberg called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Debra Chodash led the pledge.

3. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:, Debra Chodash, Bryan Dahlgren, Suzanne Dietrich, Pamela Keevil-Grey and Tom Pavich

ABSENT: Norman Cherner, Harrison Kline-Aguado, PhD. and Joel Ring

ALSO PRESENT: Leslie Isenberg and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda of April 26, 2006 was approved with the amendment to move guest speakers prior to staff announcements.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of March 22, 2006 were approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Arrigo, West Hollywood resident and former DAB member, alerted the DAB to identify theft. He announced that on April 27 there will be an emergency preparation meeting for the disabled. He is now on the Community Advisory Committee for Access Services, so he encouraged the DAB to contact him with any issues they'd like him to raise.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Advocacy Role of Board Members

Tom West, City Clerk, reiterated that the role of the DAB is advisory, so personal conversations must not give the impression that one speaks on behalf of the City.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Presentation From All Point Home Care, Inc.

Estee Bienstock, Director, and Jon McCraw, Marketing Director, introduced the services that their licensed home health care agency provides. They offer 4 to 24 hour service, and make free presentations on a variety of topics including medications, hydration, etc.

9. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Senior Health Fair

Leslie Isenberg announced the May 10th Senior Health Fair at Plummer Park, and asked for volunteers to staff the DAB booth.

B. Roster

Ms. Isenberg drew the DAB's attention to the updated Board roster.

C. National Organization on Disability Council Presentation

Ms. Isenberg announced that at the May 1st City Council meeting, the NOD award will be presented to the City.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont.):

B. Access America Award

The DAB continued discussion of ways to spend the \$20,000 prize from the National Organization on Disability to promote understanding of and assistance to persons with disabilities. Board members will submit ideas to the chairperson for further discussion.

C. City Website

Ms. Keevil-Grey reported that she and a friend found the website confusing because they didn't find a disability icon. Ms. Isenberg suggested that people type in disability or similar words in the search engine. Mr. Dahlgren felt that it isn't inviting to have the Sheriffs' information occupy a quarter of the homepage.

D. TTY NUMBER

Ms. Isenberg reported that City staff continue to raise awareness to the City's TTY number, and have added it to many publications, including the City letterhead.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Dahlgren will be out of town next month so he won't be able to attend the DAB meeting.

Ms. Keevil-Grey will have a report on the next Women's Advisory Board meeting.

Ms. Dietrich reported on the Senior Advisory Board meeting where there was discussion on discount taxi coupons.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Isenberg adjourned the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Conference Room, City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA.

