

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2006**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Kline-Aguado, PhD. called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Debra Chodash led the pledge.

3. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:, Norman Cherner, Debra Chodash, Bryan Dahlgren, Harrison Kline-Aguado, PhD., Pamela Keevil-Grey and Tom Pavich

ABSENT: Suzanne Dietrich and Joel Ring

ALSO PRESENT: Leslie Isenberg and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda of March 22, 2006 was approved with the amendment to postpone item 8A due to illness of speaker.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of February 22, 2006 were approved with amendments.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

7. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Website Update

Leslie Isenberg announced that the City website, designed to comply with ADA standards, now links to disabled services when the user types "disability", "disability services", "accessibility" or related words. Mr. Cherner moved to agenda this issue for the April meeting to discuss this further.

B. Roster

Ms. Isenberg requested that the DAB notify her of any changes to the Board roster.

C. TTY Phone

Ms. Isenberg reported that the TTY phone is located in the Social Services Division, and since the number has been widely publicized, there have been many calls. Unfortunately none of them are from the hearing impaired.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Advocacy

This item was tabled until the next meeting due to the illness of the speaker.

B. JFS Nutrition

Eileen McAuliffe, Director of JFS Nutrition, described the services provided, including congregate and home-delivered meals to 350 clients. They provide 19,000 congregate and 30,000 home-delivered kosher meals. The Telephone Reassurance program enables JFS to regularly check up on the seniors and disabled people who receive services.

C. Access America Award

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

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Request for Proposals (RFP)

The Social Services Division will begin the RFP process to select agencies who will best serve the City's needs in the upcoming 2006-08 funding cycle. On Tuesday, March 28, a Public Hearing will be held to hear the concerns of the City's constituents.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Chair Aguado, PhD, announced the Women's Leadership Awards, Medi-Cal seminar, Hollywood Master Chorale concert, and an ad hoc meeting regarding Halloween. He also reported that the Human Services Commission is very interested in accessibility issues.

Mr. Dahlgren related a frustrating experience with Access Services and requested their return to a future DAB meeting.

Mr. Pavich raised the question of wheelchair accessibility around the new bus shelters. This will be placed on a future agenda, as well.

Mr. Cherner reported that a dozen movie theaters now have closed captioning and descriptive services for the visually-impaired.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Kline-Aguado, PhD adjourned the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting at 8:11 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Conference Room, City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA.

Tom Parikh