

MINUTES

IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

March 2, 2021

WebEx Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board (Board) was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair Kalra.

ROLL CALL

Present:

BOARD MEMBER: MEENA CHOCKALINGAM

BOARD MEMBER: BRENDA DEELEY
BOARD MEMBER: DAVID GIBBONS
VICE CHAIR: JENNIFER KIM
CHAIR: KAY KALRA

Absent:

BOARD MEMBER: ANDREA DRAYER
BOARD MEMBER: JAMES MORGAN
BOARD MEMBER: DENNIS NIGGL
BOARD MEMBER: BARBARA STERN

INTRODUCTIONS

Community Services Supervisor Ryan McGraw introduced Community Services Manager Cory Hilderbrand.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOARD REPORTS

Staff Announcements/Reports

- 1. Staff Announcements/Reports None.
- 2. Board Member Announcements/Reports

Board Member Gibbons inquired about future in-person Board meetings at Sweet Shade Ability Center, which is presently closed to the public and reopening is undetermined.

Board Member Kim reported the following:

- Beginning March 15, healthcare providers may use their clinical judgement to vaccinate individuals age 16-64 including individuals with a developmental or other severe high-risk disability. Individuals should refer to current state guidelines regarding vaccine eligibility and consult with their healthcare providers.
- Family member caregivers with direct risk of COVID-19 exposure who care for regional center consumers at high risk of COVID-19 may be eligible [for vaccination]. Individuals should refer to current state guidelines regarding vaccine eligibility and consult with their healthcare providers.
- Inclusive apartment complexes developed by Favarh, The Arc of the Farmington Valley, in Connecticut are identified as models for inclusive housing design and implementation.
- NBC Universal has joined the Ruderman Family Foundation's call committing to audition actors with disabilities with each new studio production.
- Registration is open for the virtual Disability Policy Seminar taking place April 19-22, 2021.
- The CA Assembly Budget Subcommittee Hearing is open to public comments regarding Department of Developmental Services and Regional Center funding.
- Scheduled hearings are accessible at: https://www.senate.ca.gov
- Critical needs for people with disabilities are not included in the COVID-19 relief bill of 2020.
 - Contact senators Feinstein and Padilla to include funding for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and stimulus payments for adult dependents in COVID-19 relief bills.

 The Biden Administration has announced to the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) that it favors upholding the Affordable Care Act (ACA) .SCOTUS is expected to rule on the constitutionality of the ACA in California vs Texas.

Board Member Deeley announced she will be resigning from the Board Summer 2021.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

The March 2, 2021 meeting agenda originally identified the meeting platform as WebEx. This was later revised to Zoom. The meeting was revised once more with the meeting platform returning to WebEx.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION:

Moved by Board Member Gibbons and seconded by Board Member Deeley to approve the minutes of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board regular meeting held on January 5, 2021.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: 5 Chockalingam, Deeley, Gibbons, Kalra, Kim

Noes: 0

Absent: 4 Drayer, Morgan, Niggl, Stern

2. IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Board Member Gibbons shared his experience interviewing Board applicants. Supervisor McGraw reported Board Member recommendations will go before the Community Services Commission at the March 17, 2021 regular meeting for formal appointment.

ACTION:

Moved by Vice Chair Kim and seconded by Board Member Deeley to recommend the Community Services Commission appoint the following individuals to serve as Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board Members commencing April 6, 2021:

- 1. Ryan Berger
- 2. Patricia Daley
- 3. Tala Fazeli
- 4. Liza Krassner

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes:

5 Chockalingam, Deeley, Gibbons, Kalra, Kim

Noes:

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Absent:

Drayer, Morgan, Niggl, Stern

END OF BOARD BUSINESS

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Board Member Chockalingam, seconded by Board Member Gibbons, and unanimously carried by members present to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 PM on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

K. Kalra

Board Chair

Cory Pawar

Community Services Program Coordinator

Recording Secretary

Signature: K. Kalra

C.Kalra (Apr 22, 2021, 16:28 PDT)

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