



# COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MINUTES Monday, January 7, 2019 5:30 PM

FIFTH FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL,  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, 92522  
GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 951-826-5427

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*"The mission of the Commission on Disabilities is to promote greater awareness of, respect for, and the total participation of individuals with disabilities into all aspects of life."*

State law restricts the Commission on Disabilities from taking action on an item unless it has been included on an agenda and posted at least 72 hours in advance of a meeting or unless the matter falls within one of the narrow exceptions. Consequently, any item not listed on this agenda will normally have to be delayed until the item can be made part of a posted agenda.

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 pm

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Roll Call: Chairperson Sharron Lewis, Albert Davis, Sr., Ryan Nelson, Antonia Quezada, Kimberly Lopez, John Krick.

Gregory Alexander arrived at 5:55 pm

Also in attendance were General Services Deputy Director Shari Call, Transportation Manager Ronald Profeta and ADA Coordinator Monique Gordon.

2. **Public Comment Period** - This is the portion of the meeting specifically set aside to invite your comments regarding any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction. Individual audience participation is limited to 3 minutes.

None.

### PRESENTATIONS

3. Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health's Family Advocate Program Senior Mental Health Peer Specialist about navigating the mental health system and the process to increase access to mental health services

Riverside University Health System Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) Senior Mental Health Peer Specialist Maria Algarin provided important information about the Prevention and Early

Intervention Family Advocate program. Ms. Algarin presented the COD with important information about how to locate mental health services in Riverside County. Locations, phone numbers, service descriptions and various other information was provided for reference to mental health services.

4. Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health’s Innovations Behavioral Health’s Innovations Planner about approval to join a multicounty collaborative technology (tech) suite, using technology to increase access to mental health services

RUHS-BH Innovations Planner Toni Lucas presented an update on the Riverside County tech suite. She noted that Riverside County (Rivco) was looking for target populations that have been missed. Rivco is attempting to include everyone who needs mental health services and have those services tailored to Rivco populations. She noted that this county has high suicide rates for people over 50, transitional aged youth (TAY), those experiencing depression and anxiety.

The tech suite can provide around the clock access to psychiatrist chats via video if needed for those inside Rivco with access to mobile devices. Mobile devices will be provided if needed. Charging stations will be provided for homeless populations.

5. Bryan Davids Brothers Foundation to create awareness about speech and language disorders and provide related resources for children academically, medically and socially.

This presenter was a no-show for the second time.

## DISCUSSION CALENDAR

*This portion of the Commission on Disabilities Agenda is for all matters where staff and public participation is anticipated. Individual audience participation is limited to 3 minutes.*

6. 2018-19 Workplan Development and Goals.

The COD will focus on presentation information provided by speakers and work on “connecting the dots” concerning presentations over the last 18 months. A COD subcommittee consisting of Sharron Lewis, Vivian Foust and Toni Queseda will be scheduled for February 26, 2019 to discuss development of the Council presentation.

7. Board and Commission Attendance Policy concerning the August 6 and September 17, 2018 meetings: Tola Perkins (unexcused) and Vivian Foust (unexcused)

Concerning two absences from Vivian Foust, the COD voted to accept both absences as excused due to medical concerns.

M/S Lewis/Perkins and unanimous to approve changing the status’ from unexcused to excused.

Concerning two absences from Tola Perkins, the COD voted to accept both absences as excused due to medical concerns.

M/S Lewis/Lopez and unanimous to accept both absences as excused due to medical concerns.

### COMMUNICATIONS

8. Brief reports on conferences, seminars, meetings attended by Commission on Disabilities Members.

Chairperson Lewis noted that on the last Thursday of each month at Lime Street United Domestic Workers of America, The Group meets to discuss the importance of community activism.

Chairperson Lewis also noted that she had been elected First Vice President of the Riverside Coalition NAACP.

Gregory Alexander II noted that the Residents for Responsible Representation meets to discuss hot topics. The current discussion are about the Riverside Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:07 pm

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 4, 2019.