



City of Oakland

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)

Monday, September 19th, 2022 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. via Zoom Conference

Informational Meeting Notes

Commissioners: Howard Tevelson (Chair), Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair), Noah Smith (Vice Chair), Erin Hattersley, Ayanna Keeton, Marjorie Lynne, Leonard Moore, Kyle O'Malley

Commission staff: Anh Nguyen, ADA Programs Division Manager; Emily Seelenfreund, ADA Program Analyst III, Karen Denicore, ADA Program Analyst I

Presenters: Michael Hunt OFD, Zack Adinoff EMSD, Kyle Trambley EMSD, Jessica Feil EMSD, Elliott Jones MACRO, Michele Magar

Other attendees (from webinar Attendee list): Fatimah Aure, Michele Magar, Orfurhe Igbinedion (OakDOT), Kay Medina, Midori Tabata, Assata Olugbala, Sheela Gunn-Cushman, Barry Robinson, Molly, Families United for Equity

Meeting called to order by Chair Tevelson at 5:33 pm. At roll call, quorum was not established with four of eight commissioners present (X).

| Commissioners | Present (x) |
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| Howard Tevelson (Chair) | x |
| Cathy Eberhardt (Vice Chair) | x |
| Noah Smith (Vice Chair) | x |
| Erin Hattersley Ferrera | excused |
| Ayanna Keeton | absent |
| Marjorie Lynne | absent |
| Leonard Moore | late |
| Kyle O'Malley | x |

No quorum was established, and the meeting chair convened an informational meeting to hear Commission and staff announcements, take public comment, and receive presentations.

Open Forum

- Families United for Equity is a group of family members of clients and vendors of the Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB).
- Assata Olugbala says that Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB) has multiple pending lawsuits regarding pattern of discrimination in lack of equity in services to black and Hispanic clients, and referrals to 90% white providers. The majority of clients are black and Hispanic and many are homeless.
- Kay Medina is the parent of a child with a disability who is part of a group demanding that the Governor fire CA Department of Development Services Director Nancy Bargeman for a pattern of discrimination that has been validated by several audits and the subject of an investigation also validating allegations.

No modifications were suggested for the agenda in addition to the change to an informational meeting for lack of quorum.

Commissioner's Announcements and Strategic Plan Updates

- Chair Tevelson still hopes for a presentation from OPD in November and requests staff reach out again and that he will call if still no response.
- Vice Chair Eberhardt requests better input from Commissioners in response to what they want to know from local low-income housing developers.
- Vice Chair Eberhardt also reports that the Equity Working Group (EWG) for the City of Oakland General Plan Update she is serving on are not having their recommendations incorporated into any part of the Housing Element plan so far and that if they are not, then the work of the of EWG is pointless.
- Vice Chair Smith has been in touch with the City Attorney on the status of the elevator ordinance and is still waiting on them to provide a date that they can present to the commission.

2023 Strategic planning will begin at the regular October MCPD Meeting following a presentation on the Waterfront Ballpark District proposal requiring the input of MCPD per the Oakland City Council.

Oakland Fire Department's Chief of Staff Michael Hunt, Jessica Feil, Emergency Management Services Division (EMSD) Manager, Zack Adinoff and Kyle Trambley (EMSD) and Elliott Jones, Program Manager of the new Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland, MACRO, pilot program, presented on Mass Care and Shelter, Communities of Oakland Responding to Emergencies (CORE) and Community Emergency Response Plan Training (CERT) opportunities and accessibility, and the MACRO pilot program.

- MACRO needs a resource lead for medical supply connection for mobility aides that get stolen overnight from unhoused pwds.
- Vice-Chair Smith asks if the City has a database of residents with mobility issues and recommends that apartment buildings have lists of residents who have mobility and access and functional needs during emergencies. EMSD has been promoting neighbors and communities helping neighbors with needs by creating an awareness during training. There was once a 911 registry that is no longer used and was not an effective tool during emergencies.
- Commissioner O'Malley comments that there seems to be a great deal of reliance on the community to respond to the needs of pwds during emergencies. He asks if there are long term plans for MACRO calls to be moved away from 911 – as it might not be a good idea. How can MCPD support MACRO right now during this phase of development?
- City Council has prioritized the 911 system and MACRO is currently working through that system. A dedicated MACRO line in OFD would likely be years into the future. 911 is currently the best for data collection and documentation as well as tracking and keeping the calls in the specified locations. MCPD should continue to ask MACRO questions and reach out with their concerns and suggestions.

- Chair Tevelson asks can a person with disabilities (pwd) participate in the trainings? All trainings are made to be accessible and pwds can participate. They are designed to give people the information they need to learn how to assist. There is no “general” disaster worker training.
- Chair Tevelson also is happy to hear that MACRO is not just to respond to mental health issues as he first thought, but addresses all of the various issues that they encounter who need assistance.
- Vice Chair Smith expressed his concern, along with the rest of the commission, about the issues faced by unhoused residents with various disabilities and his appreciation that MACRO is addressing them.
- Sheela Gunn-Cushman states that it is an ongoing problem for residents with mobility devices that are picked up and transported by emergency services to the hospital without their chairs or other mobility devices.
- [Disability Justice Culture Club](#) is a good mutual aid network in Oakland with a focus on serving BIPOC. South Berkeley Mutual Aid Project also has some people in Oakland.
- Michele Magar asked about how the MACRO team will approach the CARE Courts act that recently passed and how that will impact their ability to gain trust working with the people that they serve. Right now MACRO has people completely in control of their own lives and choices and completely calling the shots about what happens and does sound to be the opposite of CARE courts.
- Commissioner O’Malley thinks this concern about CARE courts is spot on and believes that MCPD should work on the issue and how it is rolled out in the City of Oakland.

The Chair approved a Community Needs Assessment Survey proposal from Michele Magar as an excellent way to inform 2023 strategic planning. Michele will draft a list of her proposed survey stakeholder recipients to share with MCPD commissioners O’Malley and Smith for any additional suggestions.

Staff Updates and Announcements

- Anh Nguyen introduced new ADA Programs Staff Emily Seelenfreund, Program Analyst III.
- The Oakland City Council will adopt a resolution celebrating The Center for Independent Living, Inc. on its 50th anniversary and its many contributions to advancing the civil rights and independence of people with disabilities on the October 4, 2022 Special City Council Agenda
- Are you up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations? Have you received an updated (bivalent) booster? If you're not sure, the CDC has designed an [easy-to-use tool](#) that can get you up to speed and up to date! Oakland residents can schedule vaccines at the Alameda County Public Health Department's [vaccine page](#). Find Oakland #MPX vaccines at the LGBTQ Community Center's [Glenn Burke clinic](#).

Staff shared updates on agenda items for upcoming meetings.

Anyone can access the MCPD scheduler at tinyurl.com/MCPD-AgendaPlanner to see what has been requested for the MCPD agenda. Suggestions for future agenda items are also welcome at adaprograms@oaklandca.gov.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm