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VOTING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAAC)

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2017

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

(Meeting held at 555 County Center Plaza, 3rd Floor, Redwood City, CA)

Members Present

Craig McCulloh, Chair

Mike Levinson

Wilhelmina (Sammi) Riley

Bill Hershon, Disability Rights California

Fred Nisen, Disability Rights California

Ben McMullan, Center for Independence for Individuals with Disabilities

Staff Present

Anthony Suber, Secretary

Jim Irizarry

Diana Izaguirre

Jennifer Tagg

Items Discussed

1. Introduction of Committee Members and Announcements

- D. Izaguirre introduced herself to the members and shared her elections experience.
- Randy Jones will no longer be on the VAAC.

ACTION ITEM: A. Suber has reached out to his agency to inquire about a replacement and will do a follow up call / email.

2. Review and approved Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2017 Agenda

- M. Levinson made a motion to approve, 2nd by B. McMullan, as amended, motion carried (amended to correct attendance information).

3. VAAC Public SB 450 Hearing

- The VAAC may consider changing the name of the October 16th meeting. The goal is to demonstrate the consultative nature of the meeting.
 - Public Input and Education Meeting
 - Public Education and Input Meeting
 - Disability Community Education and Input Consultation
 - Voters Choice Disability Community Education Input Consultation

- S. Riley recommended we table the conversation about naming the meeting until we have discussed the content and format in greater detail.
- **General Update:** The Elections division is still in the process of establishing agreements with Vote Centers (VC's), we presently have 32 sites and drop-box locations identified as options. J. Irizarry shared details about the process with selecting Vote Centers and our procurement timeline and process. C. McCulloh expressed concern regarding Lawson Hall and Geller Park Clubhouse as VC options for SB 450.
- **Purpose:** The goal is to provide education to the public regarding SB 450 VCA and gather feedback/input.
- **Goals and Outcomes:** Provide packet/handout that discusses the key elements of SB 450. Identify VC locations and receive feedback on them.
 - Provide Information – of Voters Choice Act
 - Get input/feedback from the meeting
 - Follow-up on any feedback and create action items out of them
 - Get a large turnout for the meeting
 - Encourage voter participation and improve voter education
 - Set up a voter registration table run by the Elections staff and have voting equipment on display for a demo and testing.
 - VAAC overview during the meeting to market our committee and recruit members.
- **Target Audience:** We may invite community members to be speakers and share their experiences related to voting. Invite agencies / organizations to the meeting to offer their experiences with the consumers they serve. C. McCulloh cautioned we don't attempt to get people to come to meetings prior to the public hearing. We may run the risk of losing them for the large meeting.
 - Consider meeting with UC Davis research center and learn more about their siting tool
 - Partner with home deliver meals program to send out letter/flyer/survey to market event and get input.
 - Write in option for limited mobility community members to share their feedback.
 - Call in option during the meeting at near real-time or the flyer shared prior to the meeting can offer a special number or email for the public to share their feedback related specifically to SB 450.
 1. Flyer / Handout – Are you registered? Do you want to vote? We can help!
 - C. McCulloh estimates that the San Mateo County home meals delivery program services approx. 800 – 900 consumers.
 - Senior care facilities, group homes (Ombudsman, federally funded program), Deaf counseling advocacy and referral agency.
- **Outreach:** Community outreach is a core component of our plan. We want to host educational meetings and presentations with agencies prior or post the meeting if possible.
 - Intend to invest resources into the marketing & advertisement of the SB 450 plan (social media, radio, TV, billboards, etc.)
- Logistics: Do we need to provide any special accommodations?
 - Sign language interpreter (2 people)
 - Large type print
 - Assistive listening devices

- Requests for reasonable accommodations can be made at least 72 hours in advance and should be added to the Public Notice.

ACTION ITEM: F. Nisen will investigate booking sign language interpreter in advance and if there is a cancellation fee for all 3 meetings.

4. Departing Members & Membership Renewal – **TABLED**
5. Elections Staff Report - **TABLED**
6. Voter Accessibility Video - **TABLED**
7. Summary of Action Items for Next Meeting
 - Next VAAC meeting: August 24th, 2017 @ 10:30 am – 12:00 pm at 555 County Center Plaza, 3rd Floor.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 PM