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SAN MATEO COUNTY**VOTING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAAC)****Meeting Minutes****June 15, 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

Staff Present

Anthony Suber, Secretary
Jim Irizarry

Guests Present

Bill Hershon, Disability Rights California
Fred Nisen, Disability Rights California
Ben McMullan, Center for Independence for Individuals with Disabilities

Items Discussed

1. Introduction of Committee Members and Announcements
 - All members in attendance were recorded.
 - Randy Jones may be leaving the VAAC.

ACTION ITEM: A. Suber will discuss identifying a replacement from his organization with him.

- Larry Riegler may be interested in joining

ACTION ITEM: Identify the next BVH meeting and possibly have a VAAC member attend to introduce the VAAC and recruit for members.

- Next Mental Health and Substance Abuse Recovery Commission Meeting is September 6, 2017 at Health Services Building, 225 W. 37h Ave, Room 100, San Mateo, CA from 3:00 – 5:00 pm

ACTION ITEM: Invite State VAAC to participate in our meetings.

ACTION ITEM: Find a partnership with other Counties VAAC's.

2. Review and approved Meeting Minutes from April 13, 2017 Agenda
 - S. Riley made a motion to approve, 2nd by 2nd by M. Levinson, motion carried.
3. Applicant Recommendation's for Membership to Mr. Church
 - M. Levinson made a motion to accept all applicants as members and make a recommendation to Mr. Church by for approval approve, 2nd by 2nd by C. McCulloh, motion carried.
 - J. Irizarry confirmed Mr. Church intends to approve the appointments and send confirmation appointment letters to all the new members. (Bill Hershon, Fred Nisen, Ben McMullan)
4. Elections Staff Report
 - a. Update on 2017 Elections
 - i. June 6 Mail Ballot Election – Town of Atherton (4,904 Voters)
 - Election Results were 61.40% YES (1,182 Votes) and 38.60% NO (743 Votes)
 - ii. November 2017 Election - UDEL (Uniform District Election Law, consolidates municipal, school and special district elections)
 - J. Irizarry indicated that Mr. Church intends to hold a traditional Polling Place election as of this date.
 - iii. Budget allocations for the VAAC (J. Irizarry)
 - \$20,000 total for the FY 2017-2019
 - iv. Meeting with VCC (Future of California Elections Project), regarding SB 450
 - Orange County Board rejected the SB 450 proposal
 - Sutter and Sacramento Counties Board's passed SB 450 proposal
 - J. Irizarry discussed the preliminary draft and its status. He informed the VAAC that it will be shared with the VAAC as the draft plan. Mr. Irizarry confirmed that a core part of our process is to get input from various groups including the VAAC to complete the plan.
 - C. McCulloh shared concerns that in order to ensure a large turnout for the public hearing within the disability community we have to hold the meeting at conv times, preferably in the early evening. He also shared his experience with similar hearings that had low turnout and indicated giving as much notice in advance as possible to get the word out. We have to be mindful that many of the people we want to attend don't have easy access to computers. Word of mouth will be the best method to help drive turnout.

ACTION ITEM: C. McCulloh will reach out to Meals on Wheels to partner with them to help share Mobile Voting Center availability information.

5. Review VAAC Charter, Subcommittee Report
 - Tabled until next meeting
6. Voter Accessibility Video
 - F. Nisen looked into funding for the video related to accessibility. He determined we need a timeline when we would like to have it completed, who it will be distributed to and if it will be exclusively related to SB 450 or more broad. We also need to think about the message the video will present. Will these be videos with a promotional message or instructional video regarding ways to approach voting under SB 450.

- The “How to” video may be best done by San Mateo County Elections staff.
- The remained of this conversation will be Tabled until next meeting.

7. VAAC Letter to Board of Supervisors

- Revisions will be made by the subcommittee, shared with the entire committee for approval.

8. Summary of Action Items for Next Meeting

- Next VAAC meeting: August 10th, 2017 @ 10:30 am – 12:00 pm at 555 County Center Plaza, 3rd Floor.

ACTION ITEMS: SB 450 Administrative Draft Plan will appear on the next agenda

Meeting Adjourned at 12:12 PM