

Commission on Disabilities

Presentation to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Create, Educate, Advocate and Celebrate!

CoD 2023 Strategic Plan Vision

Our goals continue to be...

- *Create*
- *Educate*
- *Advocate*
- *Celebrate!*

CoD Committees

1. ADA Compliance Committee
2. Legislative, Advocacy, and Outreach Committee
3. Youth and Family Committee
4. Accessible Transportation Committee
5. Special Events Committee
6. Executive Committee

ADA

Compliance Committee

Update, Goal, Objectives

Update

- Through the cooperation of County Departments, such as Parks, Elections, DPW, PDU, Health, the committee has kept current with ongoing projects.

Goal

- The ADA Compliance Committee focuses on equal public access to services, programs and activities offered by the County as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Objectives

- Help educate County employees about the ADA.
- Work on updating San Mateo County's ADA Transition Plan.

Legislation Advocacy Outreach Committee

Hate Crimes &
Abuse Against
People with
Disabilities

2022-2023 Updates:

- The Abuse Roundtable Group, created in 2019 by a CoD Commissioner and the DA's Office to address abuse against individuals with disabilities, established a workgroup to explore creating a statewide Abusive Caregiver Registry.
- The Legislation Advocacy and Outreach Committee supports and organizes the registry workgroup with the ultimate goal of having Disability Rights California (DRC) and other advocates for the disabled community propose its establishment to the state legislature.

Legislation Advocacy Outreach Committee

Goal and Objectives

Goal

- Empower the disabled community through emergency responder training, supporting victims and allies in reporting abuse.

Objectives

- Following and advocating for policies/legislation.
- Continued focus on increasing safety for individuals with disabilities.
- Educate emergency responders, including those that provide emergency shelter and transportation.

Youth and Family Committee

2022-2023
Updates

- The Youth and Family Committee, school districts, and community partners hosted the Transition to Independence Fair at El Camino High School on February 4, 2023.
- Fair covered many topics, including career training, higher education, and job placement.
- Fair saw over 200 attendees.

Youth and Family Committee

Goals

- Present a panel on mental health and suicide prevention at the Transition to Independence Fair 2024.
- Advocate for the voices of youth with disabilities to be included in diversity, equity, inclusion and access initiatives, programs, and partnerships in San Mateo County.
- Share and promote guest speaker information through the CoD Instagram account to connect resources to the Disabilities community.

Accessible Transportation Committee

Goal and Objectives

Goal

- Educate and advocate for improved transit systems.

Objectives

- Seek information from Department of Emergency Management (DEM) and SamTrans regarding emergency transportation services.
- Provide input on the SamTrans Bus Stop Improvement Plan and ADA Transition Plan.

Special Events Committee

Goal and Objectives

Goal

- To bring visibility to the Commission on Disabilities and celebrate by hosting public events and promote inclusion of the disabled community.

Objectives

- Host the 5th Annual Inclusion Festival on July 25, 2024.
- Host the Annual Art Showcase in October 2024.
- Assist in planning the Transition to Independence Fair.

4th Annual Inclusion Festival

Partnered with the City of Redwood City and Redwood City Parks and Arts Foundation:

- Opening ceremony conducted by the Native Indigenous People's Initiative.
- 60 vendors with over 475 attendees.
- Food provided by VRS Catering Connection.



July 27th, 2023
Photos by Eric Forgaard

Special Events Committee

2023
Art Showcase




Artwork Titled "Pacific 4 XL" by Jamesey

- In partnership with the County's Office of Arts and Culture, the Showcase is being held from October 2nd – 31st at 455 County Center.
- Featuring artwork of artists with disabilities who live in San Mateo County or work for the County of San Mateo.

Executive Committee

Coordination
&
Oversight

Executive Committee will continue to monitor and evaluate progress of CoD Strategic Plan.



Thank you to Supervisor
Warren Slocum!

And please remember to follow us on
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All meetings are now available in
hybrid format for the public to join
virtually.