

# **Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities**

**July 11, 2017**

**Meeting Facilitator:** Julia Beems

## **I. Welcome and Introductions- Public Welcome**

- **Present: Emelie Esquivel, Bridget Clawson, Julia Beems, Gina Robinson, Joe Triplett**, Bob Epstein, **John Monteith**, Teri Ulrich, Rob Hernandez, **Mark Douglass, Denice Roberts** (phone), **Kathy Ciano/McGee** (phone), **Monica Cortez-Sangster, Pat Going (attending by Proxy- Gina)**
  - Voting members are designated in bold
  - **Guest:** David Mejia (works with Rob Hernandez)
- **Excused:** Steve Wright , Greg Martinez, Carol Reagan

## **II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

- Emelie sent changes to Steve
- Voting: Joe moved to approved the minutes, Gina seconded.
  - Unanimously passed

## **III. Open Reports:**

- **Treasurers Report:** Gina Robertson/Emelie Esquivel
  - Emelie- If anyone has anything outstanding, send to Emelie. These items are all due at the Governor's Office by next Thursday. We will most likely not spend all the money in our budget.
  - Julia- We have had a problem with the Governor's Office not approving PO's etc. Julia paid for this month's storage fee. We have an invoice for the next 11 months.
  - The phone bill is another bigger expense. The PO box bill will come in the Spring (we currently have it through March).
  - Voting: Emelie moved to reimburse Steve for the web domain/registration and backup in the amount of \$134

- Emelie moved, Joe seconded
  - Passes unanimously
- Voting: Emelie moved to cover the web fees for next year in the amount of \$140.
  - Joe seconded
  - Passes unanimously
- Voting: Emelie moved to reimburse Julia for \$140.40 for storage fees she has paid.
  - Gina seconded
  - Passes unanimously
- Voting: Emelie moved to pay for the storage through June 2018 at the amount of \$1287.00.
  - Joe seconded
  - Passes unanimously
- Voting: Emelie moved to approve \$220 for voice- exchange for the fiscal year
  - Joe seconded
  - Passes unanimously
- **Parking Committee:** Gina Robinson/Rob Hernandez
  - Gina- The Parking Committee will have to turn in about \$60,000 because the state prisons were not able to print signs in time. We were not able to get a PO for specialty incentives.
    - Billy Goat and Pong Board are doing well. Pong Board will be more expensive. 118 people had text messaged back to the board, but it wasn't necessarily about the ads.
    - We are looking for people to come in and see what it would take to make the website more accessible, along with cost. We have

some changes for Seth with the Josh Blue video. We are going to see if we can get the items translated and closed captioned.

- Lakewood used to have accessible parking available at the Lakewood High School. The city had them removed. Lakewood High School, came back with a fix that may not be the best.
- Please send pictures of any of the parking signs up to Rob Hernandez.
- Extra signs are in Colorado Springs with Cathy.
- **ADA:** Pat Going
  - Teri- Introduced the ASAP business. They are going statewide offering accessibility surveys for \$500. They gave a presentation the other day to about 22 people, and gave out 8 parking signs. Terri discussed the legislation that is being tossed around. CA and FL have legislation in place. Texas passed bill (eff. Sept 1)- that leaves out any survey component, it puts the burden on the individual with the disability to explain injury. Federal HB 3765 mirrors the Texas bill quite a bit. It has been reintroduced as HB 620. This requires that the person with the disability detail the injury that occurred.
- **Membership:** John Monteith/ Kathy Ciano-McGee
  - John- We currently have 17 members (includes 9 associate members). There is a DORA spot available and Tara Nealon applied. She works for DORA in the Colorado Civil Rights Division. She went to Drexel School of Law. She could fill a state board spot. She has been reviewed by the membership committee, and they think she will be a perfect fit.
  - Julia- Romaine will automatically approve Tara. Tell Tara to start attending.
  - John- Another individual is Corey Scott. He has not applied yet. We have an application from Josef S. as well. We also have a lady in Pueblo that is interested.
  - Julia- Romaine is threatening to pull positions if we do not fill them. We are being reviewed right now. We need to fill those positions right now.
  - Joe- Suggested be vote by email

- Julia- Asked John to interview Josef and the Pueblo person before we vote.
- Voting: John moved that Tara Nealon become the newest member. (replacing Angela Melendez)
  - Joe seconded
  - Passes unanimously
- **Communications/Outreach:** Steve Wright
  - Joe- They didn't discuss anything because there was not quorum.
  - Julia- Problem is that people are not calling in to communication meeting. Everyone please look at the resources and see if there is anything missing. If so, we need to get them added.
- **Legislation:** Carol Reagan
  - Julia- not sure if anyone knows of any new legislation. They are trying to pass the new healthcare bill.
  - Bob- rural area hospital legislation.

#### IV. New Business

- **2017-2018 Budget**
  - Julia- We must figure out how much money we want to allocate towards travel expenses and where we want to have our meetings. Denise and Mark will have to travel the most. We just need internet, phone and preferably a screen. We could rotate around once a quarter.
    - Gina- Suggested that we ask for a large group speaker phone as well.
    - Rob- Suggested that we could use their county building. IT is accessible, lots of technology etc. This would be an access-a-ride issue.
    - Julia- Castle Rock- Holiday Inn Express = \$500 to have meeting there.

- Bob- Suggested the senior center in Castle Rock. It is usually available if booked far enough in advance
- Emelie- Suggested the staff development center at DTC. It has two conference rooms that hold and estimated 15-20. (?)
- Teri- IC would let us go there too.
- Vote: Jon moved to provide financial assistance for everyone for two trips a year (mileage), and for those that spend the night per diem and hotel.
  - Joe Second
  - Jon- amended the motion to include associate members
    - Joe second amendment
  - Unanimously approved
- Julia – We need to discuss where are we having the meetings at, as well as dates and specific locations.
  - August - Colorado Springs
  - September- Castle Rock
  - October- Denver
  - November – Colorado Springs
  - December – Castle Rock
  - January- Denver
  - February – Colorado Springs
  - March- Castle Rock
  - April –Denver
  - May- Colorado Springs
  - June- Castle Rock

- This is what we will start with and monitor as we go. Everyone please send July mileage to Emelie before the end of the current month.

- **Sunset Review**

- Julia- FYI the council is up for sunset review. It will be voted on in the next legislative session. We have our current list of members that we have sent in. Julia needs to confirm associate members. We need additional stats for the last two fiscal years. I.E. How many people have applied, rejected, accepted by ASAP. Julia will get dates of all committee meetings and number of members at each meeting. We have had a quorum for 17 of 20 meetings in the last two years.
  - We should encourage the idea of proxy if people cannot make it.
  - Julia really needs help with advisory proposals and what has happened with them. We need all surveys, letters, ADA stuff from Pat, items each committee, letters created, legislative voting stats, additional parking support documents, emails that we have received, phone calls, web stats, Facebook stats etc. This was supposed to be turned in by end of June, it has now been extended until the end of July.
  - Everyone needs to provide three reasons why the advisory council should be continued.
  - Julia will go get a bid for a professional writer
  - Julia needs committee reports from everyone. Start sending them in now, they are due by next meeting. These reports will be sent to the governor, Lt. governor and all associates.
    - Car show, slide presentation etc.

- **Annual Report**

## V. Educational Presentations

- **RTD Project WIN**

- Did not show up
- **Rocky Mountain ADA Center**
  - Maggie Simms
  - RMADA Center
    - RMADA Center is an information center on the ADA
    - Information on how law applies to the employee, employer, organization. Not advocate, more compliance.
    - They love to provide referrals.
    - She provided a bunch of resources.

## VI. Voting Member Open Forum

- Rob
  - Amazing Aging Expo September 23<sup>rd</sup>- booth is \$1500. Crown Plaza Stapleton.
    - Bridget John and Rob will man it (Emelie maybe too)
    - Will have to get vote next month
  - Independent Center on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July will be celebrating progress
    - We can have a booth for free.
    - Rob and John can help
- John
  - Will give presentation of car show at next meeting
- Bob
  - Invitation from A-3 (org for visually impaired) to join them at the event center from 9-2 (September 13<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>)
  - \$125 for a booth

- Will vote next time
- Joe
  - Breakdeck- computer companies to look at our website. Joe will meet with them to discuss this.

Bob moved to end the meeting and Joe seconded.