

# Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 10, 2017 – 12:00 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### 1. Welcome and introductions – Public Welcome

o Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 13, 2016.

Motion to approve by Jane, second by Gina, all approved, motion carries.

Gina, Greg, Monica abstained.

Attendees: Emelie Esquivel, Steve Wright, Pat Going, John Monteith, Bob Epstein, Jane Boone, Bridget Clawson, Kathy Ciano-McGee, Joe Triplett, Julia Beems, Denice Roberts, Carol Reagan, Jadwiga Brown, Greg Martinez, Gina Robinson, Mindy Siegel, Rob Hernandez, Monica Cortez-Sangster

Excused:

Unexcused:

### 2. Open Reports:

**Treasurers Report:** Gina Robinson

*Motion to approve by Jane, second by Carol, motion carries.*

*Mindy and Greg abstained.*

- **Executive Team:** Julia Beems

- Elections – we are recruiting for the following positions.

- Vice Chair – Joe Triplett willing to step in with assistance in April.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

- Treasurer – Emelie, with training from Gina

*Motion to approve Joe as Vice Chair (in April) and Emelie as Treasurer by Gina, second by Kathy, motion carries.*

- **Parking:** Gina Robinson / Rob Hernandez

- Meeting with Channel 4 on Thursday as there are issues with procurement, attempting to split PO between TV and online advertising. May need to increase amount from \$40,000 to \$48,000

- Looking at additional posters, Lorie has plenty of pictures to use.

- Want to increase facebook, youtube, twitter, Instagram presence

- Looking at using Josh Blue (he has a parking piece in his comedy sketch); he'll place our content on his website and we can use his on ours.

- Train the trainer with community partners so that they can help locally.

- Need ideas for about \$39,000 that is unobligated.

- Gina will bring the coaster bid idea back to the February parking meeting.

- Need to re-do the Amelie toolkit.

- Driving schools need curriculum and are willing to take it from us if we create it.

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- John – do we have inventory information? Rob will update spreadsheet about where our signs are at. We are able to order over 17k more signs. Giveaway order is in. Need new lunch box vendor; Jane suggested 4imprint, Steve suggested Procorp – [solutionsbyjay@aol.com](mailto:solutionsbyjay@aol.com)
  - Mark stated that the ADA conference should be considered with some of this budget, great learning experience as well as good sharing of information opportunity. Gina stated to bring a proposal to the February parking meeting.
  - Several roll call votes for budget decisions will be addendums to the minutes.
  - Will be asking a law enforcement office, legislator, someone from the municipal league, Paralympic committee into the meetings to create better reach and exposure. Rob found an attendee from Colorado Springs that will attend.
- **ADA: Pat Going**
    - Greg brought his 3d model of a divergent diamond intersection model.
    - Add items to our website – CDOT's complaint form for walkways and curbramps.
    - Communication specialist at CDOT will be doing a writeup on this model and this intersection situation, Greg will let us know when it is ready.
    - Pat suggested making a video presentation of what Greg covered with the model.
    - Independent Center in Colorado Springs is writing an article on the new service dog laws. Also, the Disability Law Center put together a packet on it. They need pros and cons on the new law. Julia advised that they should consult with the Disability Law Center's website. If we have any other tips or suggestions, filter through Pat. Bridget and Jane are emailing some information to Pat.
    - ADA question for the month: What is the amount of money that private business can claim for an ADA credit when they remove physical barriers? 50% reimbursement, up to a max of \$5,000
  - **Membership: John Monteith / Kathy Ciano-McGee**
    - Mark Douglas has been helpful via the parking committee, and is interested in being on the council. Mark is willing to embrace his role and the time commitments. Mark lives in Pagosa Springs, CO. Has done accessibility assessment of businesses, campgrounds, etc through his non-profit and is an accessibility specialist.

*Motion by John to approve Mark as a new member, second by Gina. All in favor, motion carries.*
  - **Communications / Outreach: Steve Wright**
    - Next meeting will be 1/17, 1pm, 1-712-451-0200, PIN 883240
    - Members are requested again to visit the resources page under your area of expertise to make suggestions for content.
    - Need a transition plan for handling the annual report; Julia has a communication person we can possibly hire to handle this.
    - Ask everyone which email they prefer to use, or if they need a gmail account created for the council.
  - **Legislation: Carol Reagan**
    - Legislative Session Calendar for January – May 2017
    - We have mandatory weekly meetings (every Monday 11:30 – 12:30); same phone number as above.

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- We will vote to support, oppose, or monitor items; proxy votes can come in via email to Carol, the committee chair.
- Bob indicated that an office of legal guardianship will be on the list of proposed items, sponsored by the Colorado Bar Association.

### **Disability Funding Committee**

- John Montieth; established HB 16-1362, combined the disability benefit support contract committee and the license plate auction group into one; 2 subcommittees: license plate subcommittee and policies and procedures of active grants committee; John will present more formally next month.

### **3. Voting Member Open Forum**

- Senior Day at the Capital will be 3/15 from 9 – 2, breakfast from 8 – 9, presentation, then luncheon from 12-2 with more presentations from legislators and vendors
- \$600 - recognition as Gold sponsor, bring gift basket for a senior; ½ table, 4 lunch tickets, name and logo on screen; \$450 Silver, recognition, ability to decorate one of the luncheon dining tables, 2 lunch tickets, name and logo on screen; Bronze, \$300, recognition, decorate one table, 1 lunch ticket, name and logo on screen; \$150 community sponsorship, recognition and 1 lunch ticket.
- [www.Coloradoseniorlobby.org](http://www.Coloradoseniorlobby.org) is the website
- Freedom service Dogs is the recipient of a veterans service dog training grant; starts in March, 3-5 Veterans per class. Jane Boone is the coordinator and will keep us updated. PTSD is a specific category that is a target.
- Julia brought a stack of brochures and business cards
- Julia also is working on an org chart for February's meeting
- Sprint is offering a free cart/meeting service for people with hearing disabilities

### **4. Public Testimony**

Darlene Beals (PADCO) and Adam visited with their service dog. Looking for ideas about how to get their message about abuse, neglect, and accountability at institutions, group homes, host homes out. Looking for legislators who would help to raise payment rates for professional care that is needed in the community. Julia requested a write up that we could send to the individuals in the legislature.

Jadwiga Brown – advised that due to WIOA they (DVR/Vision program) will no longer be able to work with homemakers who have vision impairments; focus will be on younger adults. There are other programs through independent living centers that they'll need to use. Joe advised that the Colorado Center for the Blind in Littleton also offers services. Julia advised that her organization also maintains a funding database that may be of assistance.

### **5. Adjourn**

*Motion to adjourn by Bob, second by Joe, meeting adjourned at 2:33*

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