

Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities

**Meeting Minutes – 2/10/15**

**Attendees:** Gina Robinson, Chris Hinds, Greg Martinez, Mindy Siegel, Kathryn Ciano-McGee, Randy Boyer, JoAnn Hirsh, Steve Allen, Steve Wright, Julia Beems, Jane Boone, Bill Muth, Monica Cortez-Sangster, Bob Epstein, Brian Allem, Nancy Snow

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

**Amelie Co Presentation**

- Went over the logic model and timeline for activities
- Research, qualitative and quantitative, to determine baseline, as well as post-campaign to show results
- Campaign strategies and implementation
- Toolkit for the CAC
- Will attend CAC meetings regularly over the timeline for the contract to provide updates

**Approval of Minutes**

- Secretary will change “agenda” to “minutes” on each header for minutes
- Motion to approve December minutes by Randy, second by Kathy, all approved. Bill, Mindy, Bob, Jane, Monica abstained, motion carries.
- Motion to approve January minutes by Randy, second by Kathy, abstained Teresa, Jane, Mindy, Nancy, Julia, Monica, motion carries.

**Treasurer Report**

- \$1440 of \$2500 budgeted has been spent for web invoices.
- Steve Allen is still working to get more accurate payment figures from the Governor’s Office on both parking and council money.

**Executive Team Update**

- Still exploring options for hiring an administrative support position
- Continued conversation about getting better financial reporting with the Governor’s office due to the new CORE accounting system.
- Still trying to track down Tom Muniz to see if he will remain involved.
- Looking into additional web security before we install a forum, as our web vendor saw evidence of tampering on the back end of our site. We are looking into the level of help we need and the cost.
- Two attorney generals are still discussing COMA compliance around meeting notification related to our council related to how we will have conversation and take position on bills.
- We must have some way to communicate about legislative issues that is acceptable to the AG’s office.

- Schedule a weekly teleconference and post it, with the option to cancel it as needed. We must have a quorum to start each meeting as well.
- One work around would be to have a non-member staff person that bcc's our council, and we can respond back to this person individually and they could collect our input. We would need to check email daily and vote quickly.
- Julia, Chris, Bob get updates out on Friday; We can meet via phone each Monday; Julia knows of a tool to filter the bills for disability content.
- Build legislative page, add links to bills, members commit to visit the page;

*Motion by Randy to pay for 2 members lunches to attend Senior Day at the Capitol on April 1 from 8-12, with a luncheon at the First Baptist Church, second by Chris, motion carries.*

*Motion by Julia to assemble a meeting of all 3 councils and provide lunch to the executive teams, second by Randy, all in favor, motion carries.*

### **NAMI "In Our Own Voice" Presentation**

- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Address research, education, support, and advocacy
- Living in the community with a Mental Health diagnosis

### **Parking**

- Initially we had concerns about HB 10-26; after additional research, we learned that it increases access to disabled license plates that able-bodied people had access to; it is possible that more education dollars could be available if this bill passes.

*Chris made a motion that we support HB 10-26, second by Greg. Discussion – would the new disability wheel chair logo be used? No – the historical symbol would be used. All in favor, motion carries.*

- HB 11-36 would allow disabled veterans access to the same plates as non-veterans.

*Chris made a motion to support HB 11-36, second by Nancy, no discussion, motion carries.*

### **Arvada Parking Signs**

- We were asked to mail some signs to Austin, TX to the constable who wants to start the same project there.
- Also a few community members asked if they could have their family members included in pictures on some of their signs, representing other disabilities. Also, the future signs should be clear coated.
- Nancy recommended that we should contact National Geographic to let them know what we are doing, and to give credit. Chris stated that they are working on proper attribution/citation.

*Nancy made a motion to cover \$15.42 to cover postage to mail signs to Austin, TX. Second by Julia. All in favor, motion carries.*

### **Higher Education Diversity Summit**

- We have been asked to provide a committee member to work on Higher Education Diversity Summit, April 10, and also September 30.
- Terry Devlin volunteered to represent the CAC on the planning group for this summit.

### **WIOA**

- Steve provided an overview of the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, signed in July 2014, and the changes around financial support from partner agencies, and services to be provided to persons with disabilities.
- You can read more about this new act here: <http://www.doleta.gov/WIOA/> or here: <http://www.dol.gov/odep/>

### **ADA Update**

- Greg suggested a new tab on our website, under “resources”, for the Front Range ADA Coordinators, which would link to their list of coordinators throughout the front range.
- Monica – DPA will provide some point people to work with to address ADA issues within state government buildings related to public access. Monica will facilitate a meeting between the CAC and DPA.

*Nancy made a motion to add a new tab under our resource page on the website to list the ADA Coordinators. Second by Steve. Discussion – Chris suggested putting a note to invite other regions from around the state to add their content with us. All in favor, motion carries.*

*Nancy made a motion to adjourn at 3:51 pm, second by Julia, motion carries, meeting adjourned.*

### **Next Meeting**

- March 10, Arc in Lakewood