

Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 8, 2016 – 12:00 p.m. to 3 p.m.

1. Welcome and introductions – Public Welcome

o Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 8, 2016.

Motion to approve by Joe, second by Bob, all approved, motion carries.

Emelie 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, Carlene Martin (Shield Healthcare) - guest

Excused: Gina Robinson, Mindy Siegel, Greg Martinez, Monica Sangster-

Unexcused:

Thanks to Gina for taking care of the food – everyone was very happy with Panera!
Brian Allem and Chris Hinds both resigned.

2. Open Reports:

o **Treasurers Report:** Gina Robinson

n/a. Brian moved out of state and resigned, Gina not able to make it today.

o **Action Items Report:**

o Elections – we are recruiting for the following positions.

- Vice Chair
- 2nd Vice Chair
- Treasurer

o **Executive Team:** Julia Beems

- Policies & Procedures
 - o Need an ad-hoc committee: Bridget, Emelie, Carol
- Educational Presentations – looking for content from other disability organizations to present throughout the year. Others: CO Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Bridget); CO Cross Disability Coaliton & National Federation of the Blind (Joe); Region 8 ADA Center (Pat); A3 (Bob); Denver Council for People with Disabilities (several); MS & Service Animals (Jane); Mike Hess – Blind Institute for Technology (John); Adaptive Sports, Adaptive Adventures;
 - January – LPAG – John Monteith presenting

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

- o Need listing of where everyone has gotten signs placed & when; how many, where, when (estimated, for fiscal year). John/Pat send to Julia, Gina. Mindy very instrumental as well.
- o Sending survey to CASTA membership to see who received signs, how many, where posted.
- o Pat brought samples of signs so we can see who is represented.

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- Kathy is meeting with El Paso County DHS to have 2 signs picked up for their lot.
- New photo being used of a woman with invisible disability (braces on arm and leg, mild form of MS); looking for additional people to feature. We are looking for pictures of elderly citizens, veterans.
- Bill for storage unit paid through June, \$844. 10x10 unit. Rob will contact state to see if there is existing storage that we can use. Possibly get a pod? CDOT?
- Denice did a presentation 11/16 in GJ to increase awareness of disabled parking, worked with Julia on the powerpoint. 25 people, including an ombudsman. Giveaways/raffle. Denice sent report to Julia.

- **ADA: Pat Going**
 - Conference call last month with members, will continue; continue to flow agendas to Julia, Gina or Steve about a week prior to the meeting
 - ADA Symposium will be in Chicago next June; vendor booths will be \$1000, limited to 30; encouraged ADA coordinators who can get paid for by their agencies to attend;
 - 60 Minutes TV segment 'Drive-By Lawsuits';
 - Script from the segment (posted on facebook): <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/60-minutes-americans-with-disabilities-act-lawsuits-anderson-cooper/>
 - hurts small business, creates backlash against ADA and persons with disabilities; businesses are aware that these lawsuits are happening; we should also encourage people to commend businesses that make adaptations to be more accessible;
 - Work with John, Jane, Julia to do facebook post related to this segment and ways to prevent and ways to educate so these lawsuits are not as prevalent;
 - Steve – get in touch with nfib/tony;
 - Expand our resource list on our website to address this; there are checklists we can promote, tax writeoffs (Pat) –
 - CDOT iMovie – Julia will have it posted to the website
 - Pat quizzed the group on the # of accessible parking spaces, van spaces; good information for facebook and the website

- **Membership: John Monteith / Kathy Ciano-McGee**
 - Recruitment – 3 open positions, we would like to invite folks to the January meeting to see if it would be a good fit. Looking for more rural participation. Gina was working on a promotional piece for membership as well.
 - New Member Orientation typically scheduled 10-10:30 prior to parking; need to locate the binder; need to put the binder contents online. Copy on cd or flash drive for Joe and/or others
 - Joe, Carol, Kathy, Jane, and John would like to participate in a session (do an early session (Kathy) and late (John) and those that want to join in can do so.
 - Mark Douglas applying from Pagosa
 - Julia assisted another person recently who was having trouble applying

- **Communications / Outreach: Steve Wright**
 - Member contact sheet and area of expertise
 - Obtain list of relevant disability groups and networks from members
 - Facebook – Group discussion regarding goals
 - Jane put together a survey for our group (facebook, twitter, Instagram), will send out and we'll discuss at our next committee; respond quickly please; if we put in survey monkey, Julia can distribute to over 400 statewide.

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- Jane put some examples together as to how other small councils have used social media and will share with the group
 - More humor, memes?
 - Target all of the groups on Julia's list
 - Website - Member assignments:
 - Review currently listed resources (by area of expertise)
 - Suggest beneficial resources not currently listed
 - Joe – many with vision impairments use JAWS; it's expensive but widely used; facebook is the primary social media vehicle for this population
 - Is engaging in conversation one of our goals? Do we want new people added with administrator access under our account to respond? Could be a new social media category
 - Several members would like to add Instagram (John); twitter, snapchat
 - Content idea: list of 5 things to look for in accessible housing (plus resources)
 - Everyone come back with 5 questions/things people need to know or should ask you regarding your expertise
 - Each subcommittee should also think about what they want out of any social media activity
 - Need posting guidelines
- **Legislation:** Carol Reagan
 - Committee member recruitment; Joe, Bob, Julia, Bridget
 - Need area of expertise from members so Carol can target for assistance on questions that come in
 - Legislative Session Calendar for January – May 2017
 - We have mandatory weekly meetings (every Monday 12-1 pm...move the time on the website calendar); send out to the group

3. Voting Member Open Forum

- Next month agenda – Greg/Joe 3d model
- Jan, National Federation for the Blind in D.C. for 5 days; meet with legislators; last year education and technology were focus areas; has been going on for 40 years, Joe will be attending
- Pat showed a second video

4. Public Testimony

5. Adjourn

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

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