

Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2015

Presentation/Update from Lorie Smith, Owner, 303 Creative, Inc. – Web design and consultant:

Marketing, graphics, websites, events; worked at CDLE – met Steve Wright, CAC Council Member; Arapahoe Douglas Works brought her on board as Marketing Liaison and on their disability council. Created 303 Creative and helped create the CAC's website. Lorie is here to inform us of her business and potential additional needs of the CAC.

Jane – Logo; submitted to 99 designs with second tier package.

We will get a qualifying round where we will receive multiple designs...Marketing and outreach will narrow down to 3 then give to council.

GSSW Field Education – Opportunity to apply for intern. Graduate at DU getting master's degree in social work with a focus in community beyond one on one clinical.

20 hours a week:

- Develop campaigns
- Productive use
- Is there something that we are missing out on that we don't have the resources?
- Parking
- Marketing
- Outreach
- Educating medical professionals regarding abuse of accessible parking regarding the disbursement of Accessible placards.

2010 Colorado Statesmen- Accessible parking tags/placards vs. actual accessible parking spots.

Colorado End of Life Options Act – presented by Roland Halpern of Compassion of Choices. The intent of the bill is to provide end of life choices for everyone in Colorado. Representative Lois Court suggested the CAC take a position per Roland.

Roland presented the "Joe" story – at first he seemed fit and healthy. Then he had sharp pain and learned that he had cancer and it was terminal. He made the decision to enroll in hospice. But for Joe that didn't work. Everything they tried could not relieve his suffering and pain. He wanted to end his suffering, and choosing to utilize this bill was his decision to do so.

The CAC has been asked to take a position:

1. Support
2. Oppose
3. Monitor - Neutral

Selected data from the Colorado End of Life Options Act presentation:

- Has potential to affect 55% of adults.
- This bill will allow for a Rx for a life ending medication
- 18 years of age
- Legal resident
- Doctor serves as the gatekeeper
- A candidate must be diagnosed with an incurable and irreversible illness that will lead to death within 6 months.
- 2nd physician has to confirm 1st physician's diagnosis
- Possible mental health evaluation required if either doctor considers possibility of impairment.
- The attending physician is required to have a private conversation outside of family members.
- A candidate must make 2 oral requests with at least 15 days between requests
- A candidate has to make a written request signed by 2 witnesses (one can't be related by a number of things and can't benefit from death of individual, etc.
- Individual has to be able to swallow or ingest medication on his/her own (self-administer)
- Patient has to be counseled by physician
- Coercion cannot happen, and if a doctor or witness feels coercion is occurring, the process cannot continue.
- Cause of death would be underlying illness
- 17 years of Oregon data to date: 859 people took them and 468 didn't take them.
 - 78% had Cancer
 - Lou Gehrig's disease was 2nd most common cause
 - Heart Disease
 - 2% HIV/Aids
 - 94.6% were able to die into their own home with family and friends
 - End of life care improved
 - 2014 only 105 availed themselves of this law
- Physicians can opt out to be involved
- California Medical Association was opposed for 30 years, but they changed their position this year and now believe it is between the doctor and the patient.
- Denver Medical Society endorsed it last year
- Cost of medication is about \$1000.00 currently
- CCDC is not in favor of this bill – per Fran. Feels that there are other, better options.
- BOB – “it is not a bill as of now and it doesn't require a position and it is just a proposal”

States where this bill's effects are legal:

- Oregon
- California
- Vermont
- Montana
- Washington

CAC voted to take a “monitor” position with the comment that the bill (as has currently been described) is not a disability issue.

Treasurer’s Report – Draft of new form signed and counter-signed process. Gina can’t counter sign her own signature.

Gina asking for spreadsheet for spending get into this for historical purposes.

December \$300.00 lunch budget with brining cookies. December 8th, 2016.

Committee Restructures

- LPAG and DBSCC pending outcome of investigation
 - Pat G. brought up video (independent center – disaster shelters)

Annual Report

- ADA

Think of me Keep it Free signs:

- Rob Hernandez will be presenting before the Board of Commissioners for El Paso County- No Plates No Placard No Parking
- Ed Neuberger, RTD – Signs are at Mineral Station (19 signs)
 - Next year RTD opening up 5 lines and Ed will be looking for more signs.
 - Ed to send written request to Gina
- Signs at CDOT Park and Rides that Bustang uses? Greg M. to ping and get status from CDOT.
- Total signs authorized were 380
 - Rob discussed “unistrut” option for signs.
- Chris to take picture of John Monteeth for “Veteran” Keep it fee think of me picture.
- Jane said to send her a list
- Joe – Chris to take picture of Joe.
- Fran – I am disabled, Hispanic and Golden Retriever named “Blue” who is a mobility Dog.
 - Fran would like more information on the signs. Greg or Julia Beems can get the signs to Fran if and when she finds somewhere.

Membership issues

- Pat G. – received a letter stating he was rejected
- Greg M. – Term isn't over. Needs to fill out application for last 12 months until October, 2016. Greg has agreed to complete his final term pending Pizzels from Gina.

John Monteith – Occupational Therapist and disability consultant hired by the Independent Center as a contractor to work on the emergency preparedness kit. Kit has been developed and will follow up with \$1300. Kit along with manual

- Video

Money came from the Daniels fund = \$45,000.00

- Wheel chair
- Crutches
- Walker
- Raised Toilet Seat
- Shower Chair
- Transfer Boards (2 sizes)
- Transportable Wagon with 2 large bins
- Giving out to Independent Centers (22) throughout the state
 - Mobility device
 - Communication device
 - Personal Heating and Cooling Items
 - Mics.
 - Shower/bathroom items
 - Comes with manual with pictures
 - Hearing Aid Batteries
 - Yoga Mat
 - Dog Bowls and Leashes
 - White Boards
 - Dry Erase Marker, 20/20 pen
 - Spray Bottle
 - Bandana

Independent centers has a workbook persons to prepare for emergencies – Greg asked to have this on the website (CAC). Gina asked Pat to contact Lorie to get it on the CAC website.