

**Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities**  
**January 14, 2014**

**Attendees:** Gina Robinson, Julia Beems, Nancy Snow, Dwight Roinestad, Steve Wright, Steve Allen, Greg Martinez, Ann Pearce, Bob Epstein, Kelly Perez (Governor's Office Liaison)

**Guest:** Jim Sach

**Absent:**

**Excused:** Joe Simms, Rick Ellsmore, Terry Izquierdo, Judi Stein-Stutman, Bill Muth, Jolynn Osborne

**Meeting Called to Order:** at 1:15 pm.

**Treasurer's Report**

Dwight passed out the report/budget.

- Liberty Bell statement received, they were bought out by Dish Network. Rate stayed the same, at the end of 2014 they will not bill us annually but will bill monthly.
- \$209.64 processed but still pending, next statement should show it paid in full.

*Ann made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Nancy second, all in favor, motion carries.*

**Committee Reports**

**ADA**

- Email was sent to ADA stating that we wanted to be involved. Julia subsequently talked to the National office in Kansas City, they don't quite know how they would use us at this point, but Julia will keep in contact with the chair of the planning committee to see how we can be involved. They have all the presentations they need already. We could assist with the registration table, could have a table of our own to showcase some of our parking materials, ada materials, parking video, etc.
- Conference is in June 15-18 @ Hyatt Downtown. Fee is around \$475, may get a group discount.
- Interested people: Nancy, Ann, Bob, Steve Allen, Greg, Steve Wright, Gina (most would be willing to volunteer).
- Need to find out if there is space for a table, and what that fee would be.
- Julia will handle the communication with the planning committee for us.
- CDOT will be on a panel/training for the Rocky Mountain ADA Center (their website has details). Will be covering issues around public right-of-way.

- Greg sent the updated ADA Coordinators list to us via email, add to website.
- CDOT offering March 18-19 training in Glenwood Springs for architects and engineers.
- Also presenting to American Council of Engineering Companies (engineers) 2/26 and 2/27 in Westminster, will also encourage the engineers to look at ADA at the beginning of project planning rather than towards the end. Greg will send email/details to Steve to add to minutes.
- Tom - National Governor's Association will be giving an Olmstead update next month.

### **Legislative**

- Steve Allen sent a link to Bill Track 50 – tracks legislation for all 50 states.
- Bob did a search of CO for all disability bills, 13 came up.
- 10-29 will be tracked, it is the parking bill. Also will explore the following: 10-51, SB12, SB14, SB16, SB19
- Dwight added that if we need to provide feedback, we should aim to do so prior to committee hearings...at that point it is too late. Julia will try to provide weekly updates via email.

### **Parking**

- All “handicapped” terminology removed from 10-29, now referred to as “accessible parking”
- Gina – get something to DMV to be added to driver’s handbooks (DMV plus the one sponsored by Ford and Toyota). Joy Simpson will assist as she’s in charge of DMV now.
- City of Arvada – we will honor them in March. Gina will get some suggestions for how to recognize. Kelly Perez would like some data and info around Arvada and parking recognition.
- How we can get info around new application for parking? Old application is only good through March, 2014. Doctors typically don’t find out about new applications until an application that they’ve filled out is rejected. We need to find a way to get this info out more timely and broadly.
- Gina has the new application and letter and has communicated through Medicaid and several other organizations, need help spreading the word. Gina will email the application and letter to the CAC.
- Kelly wants looped in to the conversations along with Diane Primavera around local municipalities/champions for accessible parking support (Golden, Arvada, etc).
- Greg suggested using the ADA coordinator’s list as communication opportunity, look for participation, ideas, feedback to see how they can help.
- Schools and other establishments with parking need to put up accessible parking signs as well.

## **DMD**

- Tom is exploring fundraising activities to support DMD activities for 2014. Long term goal would be to create year-round approach so we don't have to build momentum every year.
- Ann – this is a high visibility item, need to pursue allocating money from our budget, host event at Capital. Need to find ways to recognize some of the great disability support organizations (ex skiing programs for pwd) in CO.
- Tom did speak with Joe Garcia for involvement, and will follow up with him.

## **Communication**

- Julia sent out the annual report to legislators in the middle of December and has received several responses. Julia will forward it to Kelly Perez as well.
- Steve needs to finish the PO with the web vendor.

*Steve made a motion to approve up to \$2500 for our web vendor to provide support from the execution of a PO until 6/30. Second by Gina. All in favor, motion carries.*

## **Membership**

- Tom needs to follow up with Romain. Steve Allen has not heard back on his yet. Future applications need to be submitted electronically, and need to happen in batches rather than one at a time.
- Tom will get a list of pending applications to Julia, Julia and Ann both have some contacts that may be able to help us get these handled more quickly through Romain.
- We are currently missing 2 state agency positions and 2 community member positions available, and we have some people terming in 2014.

## **Old Business**

- Dwight's term will end in July, we need to start grooming a replacement for the Treasurer spot on CAC.

## **Meeting Location**

- Last meeting we voted to move permanently to Arc on 14<sup>th</sup> because we have had to move our meetings so frequently, and at the last minute. Our meetings are public, and we cannot keep moving locations the day of our meeting.
- Ann suggested sending a letter to Lloyd at the corporate Arc location thanking them for allowing us to use the room. He has been very supportive of us. Ann will draft a letter for us.
- We have been approved to put a cabinet in the Arc meeting room, need to figure out what we need and get budget approval.

## **Sunset Rules**

- There is good sunset training available for Governor's Boards, Tom will talk to Romain/Kelly to get our group trained during one of our meeting times.

## **LPAG**

- Ann – still need letter to the museum
- Tom – still need letter to Durango

## **New Business**

### **Track 50**

- Steve Allen informed us about a website that tracks all legislation nationwide. We could potentially use this site to see what successful initiatives have happened in other states, not only to track our own state's legislation. The website creator is here in CO – Steve will invite her to our next meeting.  
<http://www.billtrack50.com/>

### **ADA Issue at Jeffco Schools**

- Some sports fields in Arvada are not accessible, parents/grandparents have been unable to attend their family members sports events. Gina had a contact, who acknowledged that they were going to need to address this issue, but this person has stopped responding to communication. Several schools in the district also have similar problems.
- Gina will draft a letter on behalf of the CAC to the county ADA coordinator, Dept of Ed ADA coordinator, the school superintendent, school board, and Kelly Perez.

### **Announcements**

- Julia – FEMA long term recovery groups, seeking involvement from various disability groups. Passed out handout.
- Ann – has there been any communication from the disability community on the Affordable Care Act? No.

### **Next Meeting**

February 11 1-4 pm. Parking/ADA at 11 am.  
Arc location at 8725 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave, Lakewood

### **Meeting Adjourned**

*Motion to adjourn at 3:15 pm by Nancy, second by Ann, motion carries.*