

Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities

Meeting Minutes

MONDAY - November 10, 2014 – 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Arc Administrative Offices – 12345 W Alameda Avenue, Lakewood, CO

Conference call information: 720-279-0026, Pin is 323983

1:00 p.m. **Welcome and introductions – Public Welcome**

Attendees: Gina Robinson, Julia Beems, Steve Allen, Nancy Snow, Greg Martinez, Monica Cortez-Sangster, Judi Stein Stutman, Kathy Ciano-McGee, Bob Epstein, Steve Wright, Chris Hinds, Emelie Esquivel, Pat Going, Jim Smallwood, Teri Devlin, Nick DeSutter (guest)

Excused: Randy Boyer, Tom Muniz, Teri Izquierdo

Absent: Joe Simms, Bill Muth

Meeting Called to Order: at 1:11 pm by Gina Robinson

Approval of Minutes from October meeting

Motion to approve by Bob Epstein, second Chris, motion carries. Jim Smallwood and Steve Allen abstain.

1:15 p.m. **Business – Public Welcome**

Treasurer's Report

- ✓ Steve Allen passed around the reimbursement form for the CAC; copy to follow to members via email
- ✓ Only budget items so far have been for website maintenance, storage fee (for parking brochures), food from the July meeting; phone, p.o. box, are the other on-going items.

Executive Team Report

- ✓ Met and came up with new agenda with spots for public testimony; will have public sign in sheets in the near future
- ✓ We can take public comment via phone during prescribed times
- ✓ We can add additional items under existing headings, or during public testimony; if it does not fit in to the existing agenda it must be added for the next month's agenda

Sub-committee short reports

Membership

- ✓ Teri Izquierdo started a new job and wants to move to associate member
- ✓ Interviewed 3 candidates: Brian Allem, xx, xx
- ✓ 2 candidates were not interested after learning the commitments, Brian was interested

Kathy made a motion to approve Brian Allem's membership application as a community member, Greg second. All in favor, motion carries. Kathy will contact Brian.

Disability Parking Application

- ✓ Passed copy of the application around; Nancy found one omission, sent back to DMV for correction
- ✓ Application will be promoted to medical professionals
- ✓ DMV @ the Department of Revenue makes the forms and makes them available (physical and on the web); their responsibility ends there; it is up to us to promote and get this information out;
- ✓ Julia and Emelie will check to see if the form is 508 compliant and report back to Gina
- ✓ Steve Allen asked if the type font could be enlarged; Chris stated that the format is challenging to follow; Gina will follow up
- ✓ Physician section needs formatted. Section A is bolded, B is not
- ✓ It was pointed out that the Department of Revenue does not currently have an ADA Coordinator

DMV DR 2219 – Changes and Updates Parking Committee RFP

- ✓ Group decided due to short turn-around time, and the threat of returning unspent funds, that we take someone off of short pre-screened list so that they can start asap; There were 4 entities on that list, and they will be invited to present to the subcommittee

Motion to proceed with RFP by Greg, second by Nancy, all 4 will be contacted/solicited to interview. All in favor, motion carries.

- ✓ Chris raised the issue that the Education piece of the parking legislation is “critical” to the parking committee mission
- ✓ City attorney is not in favor of the tickets being a misdemeanor; the argument is that misdemeanors are trackable

Motion by Nancy to have the Colorado Advisory Council deem the Education aspect of the parking legislation “critical”, second by Chris. All in favor, motion carries.

Policy Ad-hoc

- ✓ Julia, Chris, and Steve met to develop policies and procedures for the CAC

Annual Report

- ✓ Julia needs the chair letter, disability mentoring day update, and some committee reports; Julia will send out the current draft with highlights of what is still missing; Needs to be completed by 11/30. Gina will submit final draft with an email vote to follow.
- ✓ Current year report – write down all associations you are connected with to include next year

Metro Interagency Transition Team – “Handicap” Retirement – Judi

- ✓ Judi passed out a handout regarding the MITT
- ✓ Working on an initiative to remove the word “handicap” and adopt a new logo

Motion by Judi to support/embrace the national and international recommendations regarding the new disability logo and terminology change from “handicap” to “accessible”, within our respective organizations, starting with the Colorado Advisory Council. Second by Teri. All in favor, motion carries.

ADA Committee

- ✓ Greg will write draft letter to the Governor regarding Title I and Title II Coordinators within state agencies

Disability Group Restructure Report

- ✓ Governor's office interested in combining disability benefits support cc group, License Plate Auction Group, and CAC
- ✓ Facilitator will be hired to explore the options
- ✓ Our group does have the capability to handle grievances and complaints, which is missing from the other groups
- ✓ 3 groups will meet so that we all understand what each other does, and then will meet with the facilitator; 3 groups will have to pitch in to fund the facilitator
- ✓ We would be able to put some of our parking funds into this endeavor
- ✓ LPAG and DBSCC voted up to \$3,000 each towards the facilitation/analysis process

Motion by Steve W to approve up to \$1,000 for initial meeting consultation, and up to \$2,000 additional for a total of up to \$3,000 from our Parking Funds for facilitation to explore the consolidation of the 3 disability related councils and committees. Second by Julia. By show of hands, all voted yes, except for Nancy, who voted no. Motion carries.

Discussion: Nancy is concerned with the amount, and that it should come from our committee annual funds.

2:00 p.m. Presentation from the Independence Center on Emergency Preparedness – Nick DeSutter

- ✓ How to include persons with disabilities in emergency planning in the Colorado Springs area
- ✓ Wondered if this was being focused on within the Department of Homeland Security at the state level; Dave Schadd presented to us from FEMA a little over a year ago
- ✓ Brought a sample checklist developed in CA as an example to show what problem areas exist
- ✓ Equipment recovery is also a vital issue (ex. Damaged wheel chair during last fall's floods, other equipment)
- ✓ Nick also does individual disability training for personal emergency preparedness, passed out a few copies of his materials
- ✓ Materials are on the website, Nick will send links to us
- ✓ Pat Going stated that they received an \$86,000 grant from Disability Benefits Support Committee to produce videos to do site preparedness reviews
- ✓ How can this council support this work? This is a Title II item, could be written in to a recommendation to the Governor and legislature, promoted on our website; also promote regionally to make sure each region has similar committees focusing on the emergency preparedness issue regarding persons with disabilities (including the aged/elderly)
- ✓ Also could be coupled with DOJ items as they deal with preparedness
- ✓ We can also look for emergency relief items that are brought up in future legislation to make sure persons with disabilities are considered
- ✓ Greg asked for "lessons learned" from the past fires and floods that he can incorporate into the draft letter

2:45 p.m. **Public Testimony**

✓ No public testimony

3:00 p.m. **Committee Meetings – Public Welcome**

Membership; Finance and Budget, Communications and Outreach,

ADA, Legislative, Disability Mentoring, Policy (AdHoc)

3:50 p.m. **Public Testimony**

Next Meeting – December 9, 2014 - The Arc – Jefferson, Clear Creek & Gilpin Counties
13949 West Colfax Ave, Denver West Building 1, Suite 150, Lakewood, CO 80401

4:00 p.m. p.m. **Adjourn**

If accommodations are required, please notify Julia Beems **at least one week prior** to the meeting date.
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December meeting location:

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