

# Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities

## Meeting Minutes October 10, 2017

**Attendees:** Kathy Ciano-McGee, Bridget Clawson, Kylene Lima, Gina Robinson, Greg Martinez, Bob Epstein, Denice Roberts, John Monteith proxy for Mark Douglass, Joe Triplett, Steve Wright, Carol Reagan, Emelie Esquivel, Monica Cortez-Sangster, Kathy Ciano-Mc, Mindy, Pat Going (proxy for Rob Hernandez), Steve Ruge

Jane Boone excused

### Approval of September Minutes

Motion to approve by Pat, second by Gina, all in favor via roll call vote, motion carries. Abstentions on the roll call vote sheet.

### Open Reports

#### Treasurer - Emelie

\$3200 allocated, \$3200 available. Please submit your mileage after each meeting.

Carol volunteered to back up Emelie while she is on maternity, and will consult with Emelie and Gina as needed.

#### Parking - Gina

Lots of discussion on the Think of Me Keep it Free signs. Will continue using 5 signs. One new one with a hidden disability, will do a new one with Joe's wife, Julia and Denice have people, Gina has one, will continue to use the older woman with the walker, stop using the little boy sign,

We already have a budget line for the photographer, no need for a vote.

Discussed hidden disabilities, may need a tag line or logo for hidden disabilities on the signs, outreach, etc.

Parking committee will staff a medical society meeting in January.

Decided to not order coffee cups, they discontinued the one's with accessible lids.

#### ADA - Pat

Manitou Springs published an RFP for ADA input into their city plan, amended with an addendum to have their facilities surveyed regarding their responsibilities under Title II. Wade, City of Florence, contacted Greg to be a guest speaker for a new group they've established. Will take some Think of Me signs and doorknob adapters on behalf of the council. Greg also applied to be a speaker at the national ADA Symposium. Article will be sent around regarding NYC sidewalks.

Bridget is assisting getting people connected related to Title II and youth corrections, mental health, other sections of CDHS.

Gina/Emelie looking at the medical services board regarding technology/accessibility and hearing aids.

Julia suggested that we should also look into portable technology related to hearing aids.

Greg will be doing a demonstration of the 3d model of the pedestrian interchange he showed use earlier on Monday, 10/16 for the City of Louisville and City of Superior, 10:30 am.

### **Membership**

Our DORA person left DORA, and Corinne decided that this is not the council she wanted to be on. We have 2 slots. Teri, Steve, and Mike are all associates that could fill those slots.

### **Communications**

The web resources that Joe tracked down cannot handle our accessibility needs. Joe will reach out to the person that worked with RTD. We need to keep the amount under \$25,000. Could have different contracts and different scopes of work for design vs maintenance if absolutely necessary.

Steve sent Lorie's August bill to Emelie for payment.

Steve has been doing facebook updates for National Disability Employment Month and other items that are passed along from members.

Steve will look at the resource suggestions from last meeting and emails

### **Legislation - Carol**

ADA Education and Reform act of 2017 – last action done 9/7/17, bill is in response to frivolous lawsuits against businesses. Requires anyone filing lawsuit under Title III must submit letter to businesses regarding the violation, gives business 120 days to id the problem and make changes. Opposition states that businesses have had 27 years to address any ADA issues. Waiting for national stance on the drive by lawsuits before we go further in CO.

### **Old Business**

Sunset – Need update.

Annual Report – Need update.

Conflict of Interest Forms – We all need to sign them. Gina will distribute.

Commission of Deaf and Hard of Hearing – not here today.

### **New Business**

## **Open Forum**

Bob – New position in Governor’s Office looking at community needs due to population growth. May be another resource to align with. Bob will be attending a related event at the Governor’s Mansion on 10/31.

Pat has a video to share regarding cancer treatment, email him if you’re interested.