

Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities

Meeting Minutes September 12, 2017

Attendees: Kathy Ciano-McGee (proxy for Mindy Siegel), Bridget Clawson, Teri Ulrich, Kylene Lima, Gina Robinson (proxy for Julia), Greg Martinez (proxy for Pat), Bob Epstein, Jane Boone, Denice Roberts, John Monteith proxy for Mark Douglass), Joe Triplett, Steve Wright, Carol Reagan, Emelie Esquivel, Corinne DePersis, Monica Cortez-Sangster, Mike Killebrew, Steve Ruge

Approval of August Minutes

Motion to approve by Joe, Steve second, all in favor, motion carries. Monica abstained, Jane abstained.

Open Reports

Treasurer - Emelie

Emelie brought a copy of the budget, we've allocated all but \$3800 of the council budget; If you submit travel, please do it monthly. We've used about \$700 of the \$4000 allotted so far.

Parking - Gina

No votes this month for the CAC; Gina and Emelie will meet to make sure the budget is accurate; No advertising this month, please respond to the survey that Julia distributed, and forward the survey to your networks please. Emelie suggested to forward to Maggie with Rocky Mountain ADA to help distribute. Run survey from August through April, see if we notice increase in hits through our website. Have verbiage on stickers for back of parking signs.

ADA - Teri

Manitou Springs published an RFP for ADA input into their city plan.

Membership

No update. 2 slots still open/available. 5 people have first terms expiring in October, so please re-apply.

Communications

Top 3-5 web resources are needed for our resources page on the website. We are focusing on CO based or national resources. Everyone please email their organization websites plus top visited sites to steve.wright@state.co.us

Resource page corrections needed: Move talking book library from political to another (gina) Add Dr Mac, Access-a-ride, HCPF, CDOT, Freedom Service Dogs, Accommodations & Communication Header would be helpful, SILC

Asked Nick for revised bid to make website more accessible, have not heard back yet. We are not interested in a new platform or surveying the community. Gina asked Joe to reach back out to the two he had contact with prior. Steve will post to a Denver Wordpress users group to see if someone would be interested in talking to us about taking this on.

Legislation

Senator Smallwood is interested in carrying a bill to address limiting the drive by lawsuits (number of individual filings and limit to how many a lawyer can try to pursue). Need a co-sponsor, so everyone please check with your local representatives. Gina will send out the packet and news stories to us.

Old Business

Sunset July 2018; this council goes through sunset process once every 5 years; We were able to show that the Governor's Office has been supportive of us over the past few years, via approval of purchase orders, advertising, etc. Waiting to see response from Governor's Office. If we move, tentative agency to help us may be DORA.

Annual Report – need status.

Amazing Aging Expo – Sept 23, 8-2, Denver Crowne Plaza. Rob leading this.

A3 - 9/13 and 10/5, <http://reader.a3colorado.org/vip-fairs/>

New Business

Distribution List – we have new members and associate members, John and Kathy, please send new member emails to Steve. Steve will do a new excel spreadsheet with names and emails.

Conflict of Interest – please represent the council when you attend an event on our behalf or at a booth and not your primary job/agency/business. We may sign a conflict of interest form in the near future.

Outdoor Buddies was supposed to attend today but cannot be here, will re-schedule at a later date.

Golf For Fun and Special Kids Special Families will both hopefully attend/present in the near future.

October meeting scheduled to be in Castle Rock, details forthcoming.

November will be in Colorado Springs, Department of Public Works.

December back in Castle Rock (may change to 11 am – 2 pm)

January at the Arc in Lakewood.

Open Forum

Joe is representing the CAC in front of the SILC, in Grand Junction next Wednesday. Email him any details that need to be included in the presentation. NFIB annual conference in October in Colorado Springs.

Greg submitted ADA plan to Federal Transportation Commission; Submitted application to present at national ADA Symposium.

Bob – Bell Policy Center looking into sustainability and independent living; also RTD transportation issues.

Diamonds in the Rough Freedom Service Dogs, October 14. Also had doggie plunge at Pirate's Cove last weekend. www.Freedomservicedogs.org

Steve – Think Big Conference in August for youth service providers connected to the workforce system; DVR did 2 sessions where they set up a room with 9 barriers that someone with a disability would experience for the service providers to experience; also did one session on disability etiquette; Also, Steve and Susan Emmerling from DVR are co-chairs of an accessibility work group through the Colorado Workforce Development Council, currently surveying workforce center staff and partner staff on the accessibility of workforce centers statewide

Emelie – will be out on maternity late December through March, needs treasurer backup!

Meeting adjourned 2:10 pm.