

**Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities  
Meeting Minutes 11/14/17 (DRAFT)**

**Attendees:** Michael Killebrew (ADA, city of Co Springs); Gina Robinson, Emelie Esquivel, Cheryl Peck, Denice Roberts, Pat Going, Steve Ruge, Julia Beems, Greg Martinez, Rob Hernandez, Mindy Siegel, Kathy Ciano-McGee, Steve Wright, Bridgett Clawson, Mark Douglass, Joe Triplett, Teri Ulrich, Bob Epstein, Carol Reagan, Monica Cortez-Sangster

**Treasurer**

- No new bills or expenditures.
- Please get invoices and bills in within 30-45 days (by 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month if possible).

**Parking**

- Sent out disabled parking survey, to date 302 responses. More women than men have responded. 25-34 and 45-64 were the two highest responding age groups, but 16 – 85+ have responded overall. El Paso County had the highest response as far as counties.
- Parking issue at Lakewood HS, new lot, accessible parking is about a quarter of a mile from the sports field. City stopped people from parking on the road nearby, parking lot was the solution. City is meeting to explore solutions, have not been updating us. Lakewood school district attorney has gotten involved. Rob is going to reach out to the ADA coordinator and obtain the plans, which Rob and Greg will review to see if any are appropriate.
- Still looking for people for new batch of signs to display hidden disabilities. Several members have leads on ideas/people. Contact Gina if you have additional people for photos.
- We have requests for PO's in to the Governor's office for 2 months, no response. Gina will contact Romaine to try to expedite.
- Rob introduced Lieutenant Cheryl Peck from the El Paso County. She will join us as able to provide expertise. Cheryl will be an associate member going forward. Try to have law enforcement from the city (Co Springs) and County at our next meeting in Co Springs to have discussion about disabled parking and our initiatives. Look for education and outreach opportunities. Any ticket data available? Is fine collection revenue shared?
- Traffic complaint call line exists in unincorporated El Paso County; we could create a resource list of traffic complaint lines for some larger cities and some counties. Also, could we try to push our campaign to the news again, and also push it to the publicity offices of law enforcement agencies, and provide some of our think of me signs to law enforcement to help with distribution? Lt. Peck is willing to try that approach.

**ADA**

- Anything happen with Manitou Springs RFP? No info yet, Rob will look into it.
- Pat - Drive by lawsuits are still popping up, Attorney Courtney Patterson is helping a new sushi restaurant in Castle Rock fight issues that have been raised. Rob is working with Dr. Yeager from independent living center on the issue and trying to spread education through neighboring cities around Colorado Springs.
- Pat keeps a file for the annual report....***if you do any ADA outreach or education, please document it and forward to Pat.***

**Membership**

- Voted Steve Ruge in last month, no certificate yet; no new applications; 2 open spots. Mindy spoke with Dr. House, local podiatrist, he may be interested. Go online to the boards and commissions website to apply.

### **Communication**

- Passed out facebook & web analytics from July – November. Our web visits seem to mirror our facebook visits. Our “likes” are at 652.
- We receive emails regularly about our resources page, most are out of state or national, related to specific disabilities or medical issues.
- We may need to put out a broad RFP to find someone to do the ADA compliant web services for our website. The contacts our members have tried are not producing results. Gina will provide a website a contact in TX created that may be interested in helping us, Julia will have her co-worker test it for ADA compliance.
- Attendee commented that minutes were not on our website. Upon review, they are all there and current, under the “council meetings” tab, each monthly meeting is listed with a link to agendas and minutes. <http://coloradodisabilitycouncil.org/meetings/>
- Need face to face communication meeting – Steve will set one up for January

### **Legislative**

- Session starts January 10
- There is a federal House Bill 620 regarding drive by lawsuits (link)

### **Old Business**

#### *Sunset Review*

- Our council has been recommended to be sunset by DORA. Gina, Julia, Joe spoke on the phone with Romain. Romain sent a copy of the report to Julia.
- We do have the option to provide feedback to the recommendation, or testify. It is possible that we could be sponsored at another agency, but the Governor’s office will not provide support to us.
- We’ll have to identify the cost to support us if we can find a new home. We do have the availability to cover a half-time position through the parking legislation. This group did sunset once prior, and was re-created by new legislation. Could we get legislation re-written to do concrete work (parking, ADA, etc) and get rid of some of the items that are outside our purview (Olmstead)? And are there any connections to disability-interested legislators? Aguilar, Khafalis?
- Romain is suggesting CDLE. Gina is exploring HCP&F. Bob will start to explore contacts with Legislative Leadership.
- Joe recommended that we create a position paper to approach someone with first. Joe will draft something for Gina, Bob and Julia. Joe needs access to the statute, and the annual report.

#### *Annual Report*

Julia contacted Dion Gillespie to provide an estimate on producing it.

#### *Conflict of Interest*

Need to fill them out and send back to Julia ASAP.

### **New Business**

#### CAC SWAG

- Great grips with the sticker with the ADA and our website are popular. We can get them for a little over \$4, compared to what Walgreens sells them for, over \$13.

***Motion by Steve Ruge to use parking committee funds to purchase \$1000 of great grips, second by Joe. Motion carries via roll call vote. \*Julia will provide marketing stickers for the CAC***

#### *December Meeting*

Castle Rock location.

Pat cannot attend the December meeting.

Denice may not be able; Emelie may not be able.

***Motion by Joe to provide food at December meeting, not to exceed \$500. Second by Steve. Motion carries.***

- Marie Valenzuela is interested in presenting about a new disability grant at CDLE, will invite to future meeting.
- Joe – the State Independent Living Council Chair (Chris Raulf) is interested in meeting with us to see how we can work together on shared issues. Julia will outreach to him.
- Bridget – Interested in talking about Title I ADA as it pertains to employees.
- Gina will talk to Larry from Outdoor Buddies about a presentation in January.

#### **Open Forum**

- Joe is working with Transition Housing for a completely accessible apartment in Aurora, where home health care will be provided for his wife. Joe's wife will be evaluated for her independent living ability to transfer home, and will be able to get a power chair from Medicaid once she leaves the facility. Transition Housing works with both the nursing home and the patient to ensure a smooth transition home.
- Our storage unit lock/keys have been changed, Gina has one, Julia has one. Gina will submit receipt for keys.

***Motion to adjourn by Bob, second by Pat, meeting over at 2:45 pm.***