

Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2018

Attendees: Julia Beems, Colleen Fitzgerald, Pat Going, Steve Ruge, Bob Epstein, Denice Roberts, Bridget Clawson, Monica Cortez-Sangster, Carol Reagan, Kathy Ciano-McGee, Rob Hernandez

Excused: Gina Robinson, Greg Martinez, Emelie Esquivel, Mindy Siegel, Mark Douglass, Joe Triplett

Minutes Approval

December Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion to approve by Steve Ruge, second by Carol. All in favor, motion carries. Monica abstained, Pat abstained, Rob Hernandez abstained.

Treasurer's Report

- Emelie is out, Carol is backing her up. Carol processed Pat's reimbursement for \$71.70 from parking.
- Carol will send a report out via email.

Parking

- Rob Hernandez – spoke with Public Information Officer for City of Lakewood, there were several individuals that met and will continue to meet. City Engineer, attorneys, council folks, Lakewood HS. Trying to come up with a completely new parking plan for the area. Lots of community complaints emerged. Lakewood HS may have to give up some of their space for accessible parking. They want the CAC to stay connected to monitor and advise in their discussions.
- Pat's working with Bridgett and CDHS, will be visiting over 60 sites with signs and bolts to either install or leave the signs for their facilities to hang. Will take pictures.
- The bolts are 5/16, 2 ½ inch long.
- Julia has the information for the stickers that instruct how signs should be hung. 60" from ground, along with the legal code. They can be put on the backs of signs. Julia hopes to have the actual stickers next month. Our contact info is on the stickers so that folks can request more signs.
- Denice has 2 people ready and willing to have pictures taken for new signs.

ADA

- Project Civic Access targeted the City and County of Denver for violations, shared the report. Steve added to facebook and to the website. Could be a catalyst to get other title II entities to do self-evaluations.
- Pat brought samples of new marketing items, some we have paid for and are labeled with our information. 4 variations of great grips. Denice wanted samples, some will be sent.

Membership

- Jane Boone left Freedom Service Dogs, but did not resign or contact us. Her replacement, Sara, may be interested in visiting us. But she would need to apply if interested.

Communications

- Julia will revisit the results from when her organization analyzed our website
- Steve will contact Steve Allen to see if there's a client that may be able to do a new build for our regular site and for the parking site.
- Steve will ask our GPPR unit if they'd like to do a quick session on what's trending on social media; is facebook the way? Rob's daughter might be a good option too. Presentation next month?
- Senior Day @ the capital is Wednesday, March 21 from 9 – 11:30, then lunch across the street from 12 – 2 pm. We will do a motion next month regarding our level of participation/sponsorship, and where the funding will come from.

Legislation

- New session starts 1/10/18; most of our offices are closed for MLK, so the first call will be 1/17/18. Carol will send out breakdown of bills and links and we will jump on the phone at noon on Mondays.
- Bob had a list of some of the items that will be introduced but none have bill numbers yet. Kathy is on the committee for one of the bills related to conflict free intake and case management. Areas of interest will include Medicaid waivers, homeless items related to persons with disabilities, social security and social security disability. Pat asked for written versions or links as we move forward.

Awards Committee

- Looking at planning a networking/connecting event; estimated cost would be \$1200 (80 people x \$15)
- Bridget may know of a location in Arvada, need to determine a date
- Group agreed to shift from a focus on awards to a focus on convening/brainstorming around big issues facing disability across the state;
- Groups identified to be invited included: Parent organizations, Mental Health/NAMI, Agencies on Aging, ILC's, CCB's, DD service groups, CCDC, Transition, MITT, Arc, Goodwill, Easter Seals, Center for the Blind, Deaf & Hard of Hearing, DDRC, Wounded Warriors, CO Gives Day

Old Business

- Sunset – should probably let it run it's course, figure out how much we would need to operate in a fashion that better met our goals, cover support staff, website rebuild, etc, and find a legislator to run a new bill with an agency that would accept us.
- Conflict of Interest – Steve and Pat turned their's in today, the rest were emailed to those outstanding by Steve this morning.

New Business

- Rob - In El Paso County, they are working on accessible communication, and are incorporating looping systems for constituents that use hearing aids. 61 are being installed at various county government locations.

February – Co Springs

March – Need a place in Castle Rock (Bob send phone # to Julia for connection at the Fair Grounds, or Library)