

Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2017

Attendees: Mark Douglass, John Montieth, Denice Roberts, Emelie Esquivel, Steve Ruge, Julia Beems, Greg Martinez, Kathy Ciano-McGee, Steve Wright, Bridget Clawson, Teri Ulrich, Bob Epstein, Carol Reagan

Excused: Joe Triplett, Pat Going, Monica Cortez-Sangster, Rob Hernandez, Mindy Siegel, Michael Killebrew

November Minutes

Motion by Gina to approve November minutes, second by Kathy, all in favor, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

- \$1500 spent from Council funds
- \$14,500 spent from parking
- Still having issues with Purchase Order approvals from the Governor's office
- Keep submitting mileage and invoices on a timely basis
- Carol will fill in for Emelie during her maternity leave starting later this month, through March 2018
- Gina will have a receipt for keys for storage, and a related Fed Ex bill for sending the keys to Rob
- Steve has a November web support invoice to submit.

Parking

- 466 responses to the parking survey so far
- The counties in the I-25 corridor had the highest response rates.
- Pat was going to buy bolts for mounting the parking signs

Motion

Gina made a motion to approve \$300 from the parking budget for Pat to purchase bolts for signs, second by Kathy. Done via roll call vote, motion carries.

Motion

Steve made a motion to reimburse Gina (from parking budget) for purchase of keys and for Fed Ex to ship keys to Rob, Carol second \$25.25 for Fed Ex, \$15 for keys. Done via roll call vote, motion carries.

- Rob spoke with the Lakewood City Council ADA coordinator, thanked the CAC for our involvement in the parking issue between the school and the city regarding the parking issue at the sports field. Gina also heard from the Jeffco School District lawyer, the problem is not resolved, the district and city need to resolve this.
- Julia will send the survey report to Steve to distribute to the council and parking committee. Gina suggested getting a web/facebook report from Lorie to see if our hits increased with the survey push.

ADA

- CAC also monitoring the supreme court case regarding the wedding cake discrimination suit as it could affect our council downstream as our web vendor would like to enact the same process regarding her clients.
- Teri – praised CDOT for replacing pushbuttons at intersections in NW Colorado; also saw that the person with a disability that filed a drive by suit and was paid \$50 by the lawyer was charged \$40,000 in filing fees by the court. Wants to convene some brainstorming around working with SILC's to look at parking tickets with local municipalities, or perhaps train the trainer sessions through SILCs to write reminder tickets locally.
- Greg – construction continues state-wide, especially on curb ramps, because the weather has been so mild. Ended contract with Ruge consultants, thanked him for his service.
- Greg suggested posting fine structures in conjunction with disabled parking signs.
- Photography - Gerald agreed to have his picture featured for new signs, Denice has 2, and Julia emailed the Colorado Invisible Disabilities group for subjects.

Membership

n/a

Communication

- Gina would like to continue pushing the posting of memes through facebook, lots of great one's. They really resonate with younger adults.
- Do a meme competition on our facebook page and send out CAC schwag to winners?
- Gina asked if JFK can run Outdoor Buddies website through the accessibility process to see if that vendor might be more able to support our ADA needs.
- Can we look at a rebuild that focuses on both the council and parking, utilizing parking funds?
- Contact Rocky Mountain ADA; Contact Steve Allen, can we find someone that can build and maintain ADA compliant/accessible websites? Screen readers is a must as well.
- Julia still trying to find someone to publish the annual report.

Legislation

- Session starts in January, we will revisit the weekly conference call process to review and vote on items of interest. Carol will continue to manage this process for us, and will communicate to Romain on our behalf. Bridget will assist with reviewing the legislation and the related amendments that happen after we review them.
- We need to pay attention to when we need to re-vote when changes are made. When amendments are made they are noted and dated.
- Congressman Polis has introduced a bill around federal funds allocations to at-risk youth related to education. Schools cost-shift these to Medicaid and should be providing these services out of their funding.

Old Business

Sunset Review

- HCPF wants to be very careful how they handle possibly supporting us. They recommend letting us sunset and re-developing the council with new goals.
- Other state agencies would most likely follow this train of thought. We (the council) would need to find someone to sponsor new legislation for a new council.

- Steve, Gina, and Julia will try to bring our legislative liaisons together to see if there's a way to generate support. We would need to re-draft our prior legislation, as a group, to make the ask for support more palatable. (Remove Olmstead, etc)
- Focus on parking , ADA, title II compliance. Training, outreach, reference guide for state agencies, counties, businesses, etc.
- Gina will take a first stab at rewriting based on our initial thoughts. We can do individual outreach to our legislators to see if any would sponsor.

Recognition Event?

- Disability Resource Fair/coordinators council/disability groups conference; award ceremony? Steve, Greg, Bridget, Steve, utilize disability groups to nominate champions, legislator keynote

Annual Report

n/a

Conflict of Interest

- Julia will re-send, we need to sign and return.

New Business

- Julia will get a permanent location for us to meet in Castle Rock so we can continue to rotate our meetings between locations.

Educational Presentations

- License Plate Auction Group – next month educational presentation?
- Disability Employment Initiative – Marie Valenzuela, Steve will inquire
- Outdoor Buddies – Gina will inquire
- Colorado Statewide Independent Living Council – Chris Roe, Julia will inquire
- February – Bridget, Title I; Emelie, Title II after she returns
- DDRC
- Recreation Groups
- Emergency preparedness (Amy, Fran, Region 8/NC region)

Announcements

- Julia purchased a portable loop system, if anyone needs to borrow it (hearing aid system); Also bought a language translation system
- Job posting is up for a Disability Employment Initiative Coordinator at CDLE

Next Meeting

January meeting at the Arc in Lakewood

February in Colorado Springs

March Castle Rock