

**Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 13, 2018  
12:00 - 3:00 PM**

## Welcome and Introductions

The regular meeting of the Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities was called to order at 12:09 PM on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 in the Philip S. Miller Library, CR Bank West Conference Room, Castle Rock, CO by Julia Beems, President.

## Attendance

<i>Present (10)</i>	<i>Excused (7)</i>	<i>Absent (2)*</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julia Beems, President</li> <li>• Joe Triplett, Vice President</li> <li>• Carol Reagan, Treasurer</li> <li>• Rob Hernandez</li> <li>• David Mejio (Guest of Rob)</li> <li>• Steve Ruge</li> <li>• Gina Robinson (11:30 AM)</li> <li>• Denise Roberts</li> <li>• Kathy Ciano-McGee</li> <li>• Mark Douglas</li>   <li>• Bob Epstein (Associate)*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emilie (Leave)</li> <li>• Greg Martinez</li> <li>• Teri Ulrich (Associate)*</li> <li>• Pat Goeing</li> <li>• John Monteith</li> <li>• Steve Wright, Secretary</li> <li>• Bridget Clawson-Braaten</li> <li>• Monica Cortez-Sangster</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Killebrew (Associate)*</li> <li>• Dwight (Associate)*</li> </ul>

10 Present + 7 Excused + 0 Absent = 17 + 3 Vacant = 20 Members

\*Associates are not counted in official attendance numbers

There were problems with the phone call in line but the Zoom teleconference operated as normal.

## Educational Presentation #1 - International Hearing Dogs, Inc.

Note: Due to time constraints by International Hearing Dogs, Inc. it was requested that they be allowed to present early, out of official order. The request was approved and granted by unanimous voice vote of the Council.

- We welcomed Christa and CC, dog trainers from International Hearing Dogs, Inc. which is a non-profit organization.
- The organization has a website at [www.hearingdog.org](http://www.hearingdog.org). The organization was started in 1979 and has recently placed their 1,500<sup>th</sup> dog a few months ago.
- Having open house soon (end of April?). Check website for info. All are invited to attend.
- Dogs are trained for three sounds: door knock, telephone, and smoke alarm. The dogs go out to the sound, then back to and touch the handler, and then lead them to the source of the sound.
- The dogs primarily perform their duties at home but can also be helpful in public. Dogs are trained via a method of repetition with rewards (treats).
- Sound work training is done daily but in small 15 minute doses (fast, quick-paced, exciting) and the dogs all train as a group. The dogs are socialized in public to gain experience with men, women, carts, stores, etc.
- Christa and CC performed a short demonstration (which, unfortunately, was not captured on Zoom) showing the dogs responding to a knock of the meeting room door.
- The trainers answered some short general questions and their presentation was complete.

## Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 13th, 2018

There were two corrections to be made to the minutes from February 13th, 2018:

- First, Kathy Ciano-McGee's first name was spelled incorrectly with a "C" - it should be a "K".
- Second, Steve R was a proxy for Greg and not the other way around

Outside of these corrections the minutes were approved. (Motion by Julia/Seconded by Steve R)

## Open Reports

### Treasurer (Carol Reagan)

- \$3,292.48 in Council funds remaining; \$119,820.50 in parking funds remaining. Expenses were shown on the report previously distributed to members but were mainly website expenses for 303 Creative.

### Parking (Gina Robinson/Rob Hernandez)

- *Parking Survey Results:* Gina provided additional clarification on items discussed in the Parking Committee meeting. One of the items was the Parking Survey and what to do with the results. Since this wasn't discussed at the Parking Committee meeting there was nothing to report here.
- *Lakewood High School Parking Follow-Up:* Greg Martinez attended the Lakewood City Council meeting. Lakewood High School was a stakeholder. Lakewood is aware there is

an ADA accessible parking need. If a process is developed to address the parking then the high school will be off the hook, otherwise Gina has made it clear to the school board lawyer that they are responsible either way to figure out a process to make the field accessible. Suggestions included perhaps a fenced-in alcove for parking space to meet the requirement. Existing ramp is located there which would make it an easy fix. Estimated cost is less than \$10K or right around the amount with fencing. Also depends on the amount of spaces being provided by the school. The area is right behind the backstop of the baseball field which may create a foul ball hazard. The parking area would need to be safely enclosed. Spaces would also be located right behind the soccer goalposts – another dangerous area. Up to school board to decide where and the cost. Currently not accessible since they made revisions to the field and did not address accessible parking. There is discussion of building a parking garage for the high school and perhaps the accessible parking could be addressed in that garage. Greg Martinez was to update at 1:30PM but was out of cell range when we attempted to contact him.

- **PONG Update:** Brock was present to update on the progress of this campaign. PONG will serve the Denver area and put out advertisements in several venues throughout Denver. Approximately 20 locations from sports bars and grilles to restaurants, etc.
  - Brock presented a proposal to extend the reach of PONG to Colorado Springs, through a sister company to Billy Goat called YouVue. It would be the same thing but would be covering the Colorado Springs market. There are 40 locations. In reviewing locations, the parking committee decided to remove one location – Fabulous T&T's – a gentlemen's club as we thought that would not be appropriate for the board. The parking committee also took the time to review all venues for all campaigns and no other venues were suggested to be removed.
  - The parking committee took internal votes on the PONG purchase order and another purchase order to extend the current campaign to Colorado Springs via YouVue. Both passed unanimously within the committee.
  - Brock is waiting on a state-approved YouTube site so he can publish the Josh Blue video.
  - Brock also mentioned that he will be deploying three different phone numbers in the campaigns based on areas so we can track where viewers are coming from (Denver's two campaigns vs. Colorado Springs).
- **"Keep It Free" (KIF) Sign Stickers Revisions:** For the sticker we will be adding to the back of the KIF signs, Julia mentioned that we may need to review the text/diagram on the sticker to clarify whether mounting the KIF sign with the ISA sign changes any of the mounting requirements. Rob H will check with his traffic group and let us know if any revisions need to be made. Julia mentioned that sticker funds would be coming from her to print/create the stickers once approved.
- **University of Colorado and KIF signs:** U of C has removed the signs because of aesthetic reasons. There were approximately 45 signs throughout the U of C / U of C Healthcare System. The signs were originally placed in 2016. Carol asked if the Board wanted the signs back. The Board agreed that if the signs are in good condition we would like them back and Rob mentioned that we would also like any mounting

hardware returned in addition to the signs. Signs will need to be sorted and returned to our storage. Gina volunteered to pick up the signs from Carol.

- *Parking Committee Public Comment from Dwight (did not attend general meeting)* regarding the aging population and number of accessible spaces: Dwight asked that the board provide guidance to the public to expand the amount of accessible parking. The parking committee commented that really this is on a case by case basis according to the businesses' demographics. ADA has the law spelled out and a business can opt in more if needed by the local demographics. Senior centers, etc. may decide on their own to increase the amount of accessible spaces. Rob H recommended that a minimum number be provided and then on their own the business can decide to add spaces. Dwight was trying to get the additional parking addressed as legislation. The Council agreed that the main problem is existing laws are not being enforced enough. Rob H or Pat (ADA Committee) should write something up that can be placed on our website. Examples of where it has worked, who to contact, etc. There is a minimum number of spaces but not a maximum. Perhaps use the ADA Technical Center as an additional resource. Julia asked Dana (a guest speaker from the ADA Technical Center) how much work is done with their agency regarding accessible parking. Dana stated they take calls on the issue but it is not their top call generator. Most calls are about non-cleared spaces after snow, trees blocking spaces, etc. Otherwise not addressed much. Dana stated that the ADA Technical Center does have a quick one-minute training videos – 5-6 of them – on parking. Explaining hashed lines, spaces, etc. The Technical center tries to rotate them through social media and would be happy to provide them to the Board to post. Julia asked Rob from El Paso County how they handle the accessible parking issue and he stated they generally give warnings before being cited for spaces being blocked, etc.
- *Parking Committee Public Comment from Brock: Mailings to Businesses Promoting “Keep it Free” signs:* Brock suggested during the public comment portion of the parking committee meeting that we should be mail marketing to businesses to say “hey you are a pillar of the community and we have these signs. Do you want to hang? Free. Provided by us with mounting hardware.” Targeted marketing to Denver and Colorado Springs and Grand Junction. Someone would need to write marketing materials. If they have questions while preparing the materials, they can direct them to the ADA Technical Center. Small Business Associations may be a good resource for distribution. Gina will start the letter and have the Board review.
- *Jeffco Meeting with El Paso County (Update):* Rob and El Paso County provided an overview of the ADA and the evaluation system El Paso County uses. Jeffco currently has no coordinator, no evaluation process, no transition plan. Their meeting was 3 hours. Hoping attendees (primarily project managers who worked for Jeffco Admin) would bring back to the executive board/leadership of their county. Advised that they really need to get going on their ADA program to avoid a drive-by lawsuit. Jeffco stated they will be hiring an ADA Coordinator. Advised that Jeffco can contract portions of this out but not the ADA coordinator. BlueDag creates transition plans as you do the evaluations.
- PARKING COMMITTEE FORMAL MOTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETING
  - PONG Approval (not to exceed \$18,520). Motion by Rob/Second by Gina:

- 11 yes, 1 No - Motion PASSES

- YouView Approval (Expand to Colorado Springs) (not to exceed \$23,400).

Motion by Rob/Second by Carol:

- 11 yes, 1 No - Motion Passes

- *Driver Education Parking Videos*: Denise asked about the status of this project. Gina informed Denise that the DMV has distributed the video to all DMV-approved instructors for their use. A list of approved DMV instructors is on the DMV website.

### ADA (Pat/Greg/John/Teri/Steve/Rob)

- No report

### Membership (Kathy Ciano-McGee/John Montieth)

- No report

### Communications / Outreach (Steve Wright)

- No report

### Legislation (Carol Reagan)

- Need 11 votes for quorum. We only met quorum once this year and it was at yesterday's legislative call. People need to respond: either on the call or via email.
- So far we have reviewed 78 bills and supported the majority of them. Only one was opposed. We have forwarded on our vote regarding the Senior Dental Program Increase. There were two new bills: SB 62 (Snow Removal Service Liability) and SB 148 (Medical Benefits Work Related Death). Session is moving quickly. Rob H asked for a reminder of the Snow Removal Service Liability Bill.
- Carol was asked to send a stern reminder for those who are not participating in the voting openly calling out those who are not participating.
- Joe thanked Carol for converting voting materials into Word format so his JAWS screen reader can read to him the information on the bills.
- It was suggested that Joe do an educational presentation next month to the board on how he uses the JAWS software.
- Of all the votes taken this year only last weeks can be forwarded to Romaine at the Governor's office as it was the only one that met quorum. The other votes cannot be forwarded.
- Legislative session will end the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in May – May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Awards Committee (Julia Beems/Steve Wright/Steve Ruge)

- No report

## Network Committee

- No Report

## Old Business

### Sunset Review

- We are up for sunset. Not getting good responses from legislators. Julie met with her official at their office and waited until he personally showed up. Legislator felt bad and said that he would sponsor the bill and take care of it. Process has become confusing since then.
- Last Friday there was an action only vote. Vote was postponed.
- Cross Disability Coalition requested a stakeholder meeting which is concerning. They are having this stakeholder meeting at 4 PM tomorrow at the Capitol. Room number still not known. Still have not heard back for the exact location.
- Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet (D-30<sup>th</sup> – Commerce City) will be carrying the bill in committee. Her staff told Julia that there even was a Stakeholder Meeting. Contacted Representative Jonathan Singer (11<sup>th</sup>-Boulder), Chair of Healthcare Committee. Received message back that the committee wanted additional input and we should be going through Michaelson-Jenet's office.
- People who will be in the Stakeholder's Meeting are Chris Hines, Heidi Hanes and Judy Reskin.
- Talked with Michaelson-Jenet's office this week and Julia was told that she needed to call the speaker of the house and talk with her Assistant Chief of Staff, Mohammed.
- Called and left Mohammed a message needing to know where and when the Stakeholder's Meeting will occur.
- We need people to show up. This is down to life and death for the Council. We need to see support from our own Council members, not just Julia and Gina.
- Some groups we could fit in with are HCPAF or DOLA for the administrative groups within the state. Romaine in a side conversation stated that ultimately we could be placed wherever.
- Representatives Tracy Craft Clark (?) and Jovan Melton (D, 41<sup>st</sup> – Arapahoe County) would be interested in supporting the amendment to keep the Council.
- Need councilmembers involved if we want to see the Council Continue. Bob could call Crisanta Duran (D, 5<sup>th</sup>-Denver) to see if she knows the meeting location.
- Carol asked about other Councils going to sunset and Julia stated she had no idea.
- Chris Hines left our Council unhappy and this may be coming back to haunt us.
- The Governor's office is not responding to our requests. Not approving PO's. Not all of this is our fault.
- There needs to be more than Gina and Julia involved in the process. If you believe in the Council step up to the plate.

- There will be a vote in the Public Health Care & Human Services Committee on whether to keep us or not. If no, then Rep. Melton takes to the floor to offer up an amendment to keep us.
- If you cannot attend Capitol meetings in Denver, then you can email or send comments to the committee.

(Quick meeting adjournment for break to call legislators/find meeting location at 1:54 PM)

(Meeting reconvened at 2:09 PM)

- Still no location known. Joe will call Rep. Duran and Singer offices. Ask why we can't find the meetings on their schedules. Mention Open Meetings Act.
  - Bob provided Rep. Milton's personal cell: 720.236.9832
  - Rep. Jonathan Singer (Public Health Cmte. Chair): 303.866.2925
  - Mohammed: 303.866.2774

## New Business

- *National ADA Symposium (June)* – Carol brought up the Symposium and whether Council had funds for reimbursement or sponsoring of attendees. Cost is \$750 to register before April. Host hotel has sold out and the Hilton Garden Inn had one room available according to Daniel. Estimated total fees of \$3-4,000/person to attend (including hotel and incidentals).
  - Mark from the Council is already registered to attend on his own. There was a request by the board in general to set aside registration fees if they register before May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Funding for the reimbursement would come from both Council and Parking Committee funds in the ratio of \$4,000 from parking and \$2,000 from general funds for up to 3 people to attend. Attendees would have to prepare written and oral reports back to the Council about the sessions attended and how they can help the Council.
  - MOTION: To spend up to \$4,000 from Parking Funds and up to \$2,000 from Council funds to send up to 3 people to the conference with partial or full reimbursement depending on the classes taken. Made by Gina / Seconded by Joe. Passed Unanimously.

## Educator Presentations

Educator Presentation #1 - International Hearing Dogs, Inc.

(please see very beginning of minutes)

## Educator Presentation #2 - Steve Gold - CDLE Grant

- Workforce Center Advocate
- Classes, etc available to help disabled get employed
- 240 clients helped over three years

## Educator Presentation #3 - Dana Barton - ADA Technical Center

- Background in workforce – director of the Pikes Peak Workforce Center
- Recruitment Director for the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs.
- ADA experience mostly employment focused.
- Biggest need in the area is for more training. The Center does not have the bandwidth to do this with the current staff and may have to start charging for training.
- Focused on adding new and online curriculum.
- Encouraged us to Like on Facebook, Follow on Instagram, Tweet, etc.
- Focused on rebranding. Fresh, new website. Accessible.
- Wants to get to know people-come up with solutions to make informed decisions.
- 15% of their budget must be spent on research. Some projects are drive by lawsuits in the region (MT, SD, ND, CO, WY). Implicit bias towards disabilities is another study she is doing.
- Invited her or someone from her group to help with Media (?) (Joe)

## Voting Member Open Forum

- None

## Public Testimony

- None

## Adjourn

Motion for meeting adjournment made by Julia and seconded by Steve R. Unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM. Next Council meeting will take place at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, April 10th, 2018 at The ARC of Jefferson County, Large Meeting Room, Lakewood, Colorado.

Minutes submitted by: Steve Ruge

Approved by: