



**Commission for People with Disabilities (CFPD)**  
**April 17, 2012**  
**Room 14 Governmental Center/Potomac Building**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Susan Erichsen, Christina Bishop, Mary Ann Coontz, Sam Brown, Lois Coryell, Rebecca Kessler, F. Wayne Goings, Carole Woodward, Bill Nicholas, Sherri St. Clair, Cynthia Brown and Patrice Roberts

**Members Excused:** Janet Smith, Jennifer Neff and Pamala Emplit

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Susan Erichsen.

**Minutes:** Susan Erichsen asked members to review the minutes. ***Minutes were reviewed, approved and amended to include members who were excused from March's meeting.***

**Finance Report** – no report.

**ADA Coordinator Report** –

**Commission Reports**

**Etiquette Handbook:** no report.

**Awareness Display - Library:** no report.

**Earth Day:** S. Erichsen volunteered to man the CFPD table on behalf of the Commission. Earth Day is April 22, 2012, 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Downtown Leonardtown. The Commission's booth will be located on Fenwick Street.

**Commercials:** Wayne Goings and Pamala Emplit were participants in the PSA done by the County's Public Information Office produced to raise awareness about persons with disabilities. Not only will the PSA run on Channel 95 but can also be seen on You Tube and Facebook. The PSA will be linked to the County website.

**Wounded Warriors:** Paula Hummer of NAVAIR will come to speak at the May 15<sup>th</sup> CFPD meeting on working with individuals with disabilities.

Carole Woodward attended the Wounded Warriors employment presentation at Patuxent High School that was held on March 26, 2012.

**Lions Club:** No report.

**Awards:** Letters and brochures have been mailed to solicit nominations for this year's awards. Members were encouraged to review the award selection process and recommend individuals for the different categories. The brochure has been posted on the County website under CFPD.

**CFPD Team Meeting:** No report

**County Fair:** No report.

**ADA Anniversary Celebration:** The ADA Anniversary Celebration will be held October 3, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The focus of the celebration will be revisited. Cynthia Brown will be responsible for getting the Proclamation from the Commissioners scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Commission will ask the PIO about

filming the event. Sherri St. Clair, Rebecca Kessler, C. Woodward, Lois Coryell and Christi Bishop volunteered for the ADA Anniversary Celebration committee. Jolanda will speak to the Greenwell Board about a representative sitting on the CFPD at their Board meeting on April 18, 2012.

**Speakers Bureau:** A motion to table the Speakers Bureau activity was made and approved. The Commission will revisit this activity in the future.

**Holiday Party:** S. St. Clair, Bill Nicholas, Christi Bishop and Sam Brown will head up the committee for this activity.

**Announcements:**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Maryland Caregivers Conference will start on Friday, April 27, 2012, at the Calvert Pines Senior Center in Prince Frederick, MD. R. Kessler stated to the Commission that if they knew of a caregiver who wanted to go to the conference but can not afford to, please call her.

St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks received information about the 2012 Olympic Opportunity Fund and is applying for the grant. This will give startup funds to operate the Para Olympic Sports Club.

The Center for Life Enrichment will hold their Annual Cash Bash on May 19, 2012 at the Hollywood Fire Department. This event supports the Center for Life Enrichment as well as Special Olympics.

**Old Business:**

Annual Report – Each Board is to submit a written annual report based on the previous calendar year. The CFPD is due for an annual report for 2011.

**New Business:**

S. Erichsen asked the Commission to start thinking about a retreat to brainstorm activities to support this group's mission. Members were requested to submit ideas.

**Next Meeting:** *The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.*

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Ursula Harris.*