

Commission on People with Disabilities
January 15, 2008
Southern Maryland Higher Education Center
Minutes

Attendants: Julie Randall
Christi Bishop
Rocco Aiello
Bill Nicholas
Cathy Zumbrun
Sheral St. Clair
Paula Andreas
Dennis Phillips

Excused: Susan Erichsen
Kendall Sorensen-Clark
Pam Main
Mark Kalmus
Cindy Phillips
Margaret Ann Stewart
Darlene Stalcup

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by J. Randall. The meeting agenda and November minutes were distributed and reviewed by attendants.

Review previous meeting minutes – Minutes reviewed, J. Randall made a suggestion to attach a copy of the prioritized list that was compiled for the ADA Enhancement Projects for Capital Improvements submitted to the BOCC by George Erichsen, Director of Public Works & Transportation. Motion made by D. Phillips to accept, seconded by C. Zumbrun. Motion carried.

Finance Report – C. Bishop reported working on budget for next year. J. Randall would like C. Bishop to research other counties to see what their budgets are for Disabled Services Offices within Human Services Departments.

County Compliance/Laws and/or Regulations – J. Randall has asked commission members to be more aware of citizens parking illegally in handicapped parking spaces. It was recommended that the commission invite a member from the Maryland State Police & St. Mary's Sheriff's Office to the next meeting in February to address this issue of illegal parking, also to check with state law regarding the parking signs to be more specific on the signs that are displayed at these parking spaces.

Committee Status Reports

- **Awareness**
- P. Andreas reported that twenty three vendors are scheduled to set up for the Disability Awareness Day. J. Randall suggested to do a flyer announcing the agenda and vendor names that will be there and to get this to the Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living to partner with the commission to get the flyer out through their mailing. Also send to VFW's & Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.
- Invite the Lions Club of Metropolitan Area Summer Camp to be a vendor.
- Email C. Bishop if you are not running another table and can man the commission table.
- At next meeting will decide where the commission members would like to go for a social after the Disability Awareness Day event.
- ADA Accessibility – C. Bishop will email R. Aiello the Goals & Objectives and this will addressed at the February meeting.

- Needs Assessment Gap Analysis – Meeting's continue with J. Randall representing the Commission. There is a good chance that the county will adopt some type of model of the Health & Human Services Study.
- Awards - – S. Erichsen will resend St. Mary's County Commission for Persons with Disabilities Awards Program Guidelines flyer, form and deadline for submission.

Events/Resources/Conferences

- Lions Camp Merrick will host a Summer Camp for individuals with Diabetes, and visual and hearing impairments. For more information email cmpmerrick@aol.com or contact Gregory Floberg at 301-645-5616; mailing address P.O. Box 375, Waldorf, MD 20604.

New Business/Question & Answers

- Website Accessibility For Agency Providers – ADA Accessibility subcommittee will look into this and discuss at next meeting in February.
- Questions & Requests for Future Agenda Items – J. Randall will submit a letter of support from the Commission for the proposed CIP project to renovate the Ripple Center for Medical Adult Day Care Center. Motioned made by S. St. Clair and seconded by P. Andreas. Motion carried.

Review next meeting date

- Next meeting date will be Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 4:30 pm.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm by J. Randall.