



Commission for People with Disabilities (CFPD)
February 21, 2012
Room 14 Governmental Center/Potomac Building
Minutes

Attendees: Susan Erichsen, Christina Bishop, Patrice Roberts, Jennifer Neff, Rebecca Kessler, Cynthia Brown, Sam Brown, Lois Coryell, Sherri St. Clair, Bill Nicholas and Wayne Goings

Members Excused:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Susan Erichsen.

Minutes: Susan Erichsen asked members to review the minutes. *Minutes were reviewed and approved as written.*

Finance Report – Cynthia Brown presented the Commission with the budget review. The Commission discussed how to expend the remaining balance of the budget for FY12. After discussion, the members voted on the drawstring backpacks as giveaways.

Staff Report – Gene Potts, longtime disability advocate, formerly with the Center for Life, has expressed interest in rejoining the Commission.

ADA Coordinator Report – The new ADA regulations that were put in place last year have to start being implemented as of March 15, 2012. Christina Bishop updated the ADA website to this effect and does not foresee any major problems with the County buildings. The Maryland Community Services Locator is a user-friendly website to get information on resources and services.

Commission Reports

Etiquette Handbook: No report.

Awareness Display - Library: Members submitted pictures to C. Bishop for the Awareness display boards that will be put in the County libraries.

Earth Day: S. Erichsen will register for Earth Day and will be volunteering on behalf of the Commission and asked that members help man the table.

Commercials: Rebecca Kessler met with Tony Jones of the Public Information Office (PIO) to ask about producing a PSA to raise awareness about persons with disabilities. Tony is interested in doing the PSA for the Commission and said he wanted it to be lively and exciting. R. Kessler asked the Commission for two volunteers who would be willing to do a live stream PSA on behalf of the Commission. Pamala Emplit and Wayne Goings volunteered.

Wounded Warriors: No report.

Lions Club: Bill Nicholas brought in brochures for the special needs camp - Camp Merrick, to share with the Commission and asked members to recruit participants. The website address is lionscampmerrick.org. B. Nicholas will send link to the Committee.

Awards: C. Brown sent a letter to Greenwell Foundation in reference to using their facility again to host this year's luncheon in October. As of this date she has not received a response from Greenwell.

CFPD Team Meeting: No report

County Fair: No report.

ADA Anniversary Celebration: No report

Speakers Bureau: No report.

Holiday Party: No report.

Announcements: The St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services will be hosting a Long-Term Care Awareness Conference on March 13, 2012 at the James A. Forrest Career & Technology Center in Leonardtown, MD.

The 20th Annual Southern Maryland Caregivers Conference will be held 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.

Old Business:

New Business:

Next Meeting: *The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.*

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ursula Harris.