



**Commission for People with Disabilities (CFPD)
September 20, 2011
Room 14 Governmental Center/Potomac Building**

Minutes

Attendees: Christina Bishop, Sam Brown, Sherri St. Clair, Janet Smith, Crystal Frederick, Carole Woodward, Patrice Roberts, Lois Coryell, Jennifer Neff, Sam Brown and Linda Clem.

Excused: Cynthia Brown, Susan Erichsen, Rebecca Kessler, Rocco Aiello and Mary Ann Coontz.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Christina Bishop in Sue Erichsen's absence.

May and June minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Membership – C. Bishop received an email from Jolanda Campbell stating that she is resigning the Vice President position. Need to elect new Vice President and this item will be put on next month's agenda. The person who would take over this position will be in the position until the term expires (July 1, 2012)

C. Bishop acknowledged and welcomed the new faces on the committee and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Janet Smith noted the name change of United Cerebral Palsy of Southern Maryland to Bay Community Support Services, Inc. The name change was because UCP did not represent all the services that they provide.

Finance Report – tabled until next month due to C. Brown's absence. C. Bishop noted that Human Services is now in conjunction with the Department of Aging.

Committee Reports

Awards: Nominations have been submitted for Volunteer, Notable Employer, Vicki Brown Award and Facility Accessibility Award. Need nomination for Outstanding Individual Achievement and Innovative Program award. All nominations should be sent via email to C. Bishop, C. Brown or S. St. Clair. The Awards meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., in the Chesapeake Building. There will also be a proclamation for National Disability Employment Month proclaiming that October is such.

Etiquette Handbook: Has been updated and copies will be available at the County Fair. C. Bishop has quite a few copies and mentioned that it is also online. Between C. Bishop and Human Services Division there are still quite a few copies left.

Awareness Display: Done.

Outreach: On Friday, October 21, 2011, the Department of Aging will be having their annual Health Fair from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. C. Bishop has volunteered and would welcome a buddy to assist with CFPD table. C. Bishop suggested to members if they were not going to have their tables set up to bring brochures etc to put on CFPD table. Name tags will be put on agenda for next month. Members were reminded that any outreach that is done should include the CFPD for tracking purposes.

Wounded Warriors: Tabled until next month

Lions Club Camp: Tabled until next month

ADA Anniversary Celebration: Done. What will be the Committee's focus for the next year?

County Fair: All members were encouraged to sign up for table duty. The table will be set up in the Auditorium. U. Harris will ask C. Brown if there is still time for names to be added for volunteering.

Sunday Brunch: Done.

Holiday Party: Is set for December 9 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Loffler Wiseman Center at Chancellor Run Park (Cost \$50). The Center will be opened at 4:00 p.m. for set up. S. St. Clair stated that The Center for Life Enrichment PALS has volunteered to participate with the Commission. Also some of the seniors from the Ripple Center will be invited. A DJ has volunteered her services for the party. Catering will be done by a parent of one of the clients at the Center for Life Enrichment. C Bishop suggested that if any members/companies have anything that could be given away as gifts for the clients please do so because Santa Claus will be there. Flyers/RSVP will be at the next meeting.

Announcements: S. St. Clair mentioned that a former member, Margaret Stewart, Mom passed away and prayers are this evening.

C. Bishop was excited as a Recreation and Parks staff about a conference call with the US Para Olympics Sports Club. Our application went through for starting a Para Olympic sports club at Great Mills. The Para Olympics is focused on the visually or physically impaired populations which includes our veterans. There is no age group at this point.

S. Brown announced the Friends of Ripple 3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk for Fun, Saturday, October 15 at 7:00 a.m. at the Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship. View information at active.com.

C. Bishop stated that new members will be added to the email list. She also reminded members that if they have any announcements you can email them to C. Brown or herself, they will get the information out to committee members.

Committee meetings are back to the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ursula Harris.