

**Commission on People with Disabilities**  
**February 19, 2008**  
**Southern Maryland Higher Education Center**  
**Minutes**

<b>Attendants:</b>	<b>Julie Randall</b>	<b>Excused:</b>	<b>Rocco Aiello</b>
	<b>Christi Bishop</b>		<b>Kendall Sorensen-Clark</b>
	<b>Bill Nicholas</b>		<b>Margaret Ann Stewart</b>
	<b>Paula Andreas</b>		<b>Pam Main</b>
	<b>Dennis Phillips</b>		
	<b>Susan Erichsen</b>		
	<b>Mark Kalmus</b>		
	<b>Cindy Phillips</b>		
	<b>Cathy Zumbrun</b>		
	<b>Sheral St. Clair</b>		
	<b>Marie Robinson</b>		
	<b>Darlene Stalcup</b>		

**Welcome New Member** – J. Randall welcomed new commission member Marie Robinson the new Executive Director from Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living.

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 4:42 pm by J. Randall. The meeting agenda and January minutes were distributed and reviewed by attendants.

**Review previous meeting minutes** – Minutes reviewed and amended. Motion made by D. Phillips to accept, seconded by P. Andreas. Motion carried.

**Finance Report** – FY 2009 Capital Projects budget for five year plan has been cut to \$24,000. At this point can not tell where the money has been allocated for. J. Randall would like commission members to go to the public hearing to testify to the commissioners about the needs for capital projects to ensure the usability and accessibility of county facilities for individuals with disabilities.

**County Compliance/Laws and/or Regulations** – C. Bishop contacted Sheriffs Department to see if a representative could attend the March meeting in order to discuss the accessible parking issues in the county, at this time there has not been a response. J. Randall will contact Sheriff Cameron regarding this issue.

**Committee Status Reports**

**Disability Awareness Day**

- **Awareness** – P. Andreas reported that forty six vendors are scheduled and that about 60 tables are needed for the event. M. Kalmus said he could probably get the tables donated. B. Nicholas said to check with the local fire departments. J. Randall will contact K. Sorsensen-Clark and Tom Mattingly regarding table usage. There will be a stand by ambulance at the event and will be handing out give aways. C. Bishop will email members with updates regarding the tables. Following the awareness day event all commission members are invited to meet at Cheeseburger in Paradise for a social get together.
- **Flyer** – S. Erichsen will speak with the printing press regarding printing the flyer. Health Department donated \$300 towards Disability Awareness Day. S. Erichsen will do business cards and name tags to have for members at this event and for future events. 10:00 set up time. S. Erichsen will email The Enterprise, The

Washington Post and local radio stations a copy of the flyer. C. Bishop will email flyer to S. Erichsen with the reminder that flyers need to be ready and sent to the schools the first week of March.

### **ADA Accessibility**

- Table the goals and objectives for now.
- The State Highway Administrations ADA Evaluation for Accessibility Issues through out the state of Maryland, will hold a public input meeting for each county and review what their findings are to the public. Meeting will take place after the next commission meeting on May 20, 2008. C. Zumbrun will see if the Russell Room in the Carter building is available for both meetings beginning at 4:30 pm

### **Needs Assessment Gap Analysis**

- The counties draft of the local Management Board Health & Human Services Study Report will be ready soon for community members to review.
- J. Randall advocated for a full time county ADA Coordinator. More discussion on this topic will be held at the March meeting.

### **Awards**

- Annual Awards & Recognition Program – review and email S. Erichsen any changes. It needs an introduction and the members names, addresses & email address added.
- Marketing materials such as flyers, brochures, etc. should list all members on these items.
- C. Bishop will check into getting an email address for the Commission on People with Disabilities.

**Events/Resources/Conferences** – Nothing at this time.

### **New Business/Question & Answers**

- Check out the Accessibility for Agency Providers website and see if there is anything that can be done to be more accessible.
- Support for HB1411 – Fitness & Athletics Equity for Students with Disabilities: J. Randall will write a letter of support from the commission.
- J. Randall will write a letter of support and have all members sign it for the Ripple Center. D. Phillips made a motion to accept, P. Andreas second it.

### **Review next meeting date**

- Next meeting date will be Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 4:30 pm.

### **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm motion by C. Bishop, second by S. St. Clair.