

**Commission on People with Disabilities  
March 18, 2008  
Southern Maryland Higher Education Center  
Minutes**

**Attendants:** Julie Randall  
Christi Bishop  
Bill Nicholas  
Paula Andreas  
Dennis Phillips  
Susan Erichsen  
Mark Kalmus  
Cindy Phillips  
Cathy Zumbrun  
Sheral St. Clair  
Rocco Aiello  
Pam Main  
Darlene Stalcup

**Excused:** Margaret Stewart  
Marie Robinson  
Yolanda Campbell

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm by S. Erichsen. The meeting agenda and February minutes were distributed and reviewed by attendants.

**Review previous meeting minutes** – Minutes reviewed. Motion made by D. Phillips to accept, seconded by S. St. Clair. Motion carried.

**County Compliance/Laws and/or Regulations** –

**Welcome Guests** – J. Randall welcomed guest speakers Sheriff T. Cameron, Deputy D. Ross and Deputy C. Allen from St. Mary's County Sheriffs Department.

**Handicapped Parking Enforcement** – Deputy Ross provided handouts and spoke about Handicap Placards, Plates, and Parking Spaces.

Suggestions made from discussion:

- Lobby Highway Safety for grant money for disabilities so officers can drive 4-5 hours from business to business enforcing handicap parking, by letting business owners know if signs are not appropriately displayed/marked and also writing tickets for car owners not displaying appropriate placard/tag.
- Have Planning & Zoning go out and check handicap signs in the county to see if they need to be replaced.
- Next month put together more thoughts and with the Chamber of Commerce, Leonardtown businesses and other businesses in St. Mary's county, educate the public on the procedure of using handicap parking spaces.

**Finance Report/ADA Coordinator** - J. Randall will check on status of FY 2009 Capital Projects Budget.

**Committee Status Reports**

**Disability Awareness Day**

- **Awareness** – Fifty five vendors have been confirmed. The flyer has been distributed to the schools. Newspapers and radio stations have been notified. Press release went out today on St. Mary's County and RPC&S webpages. The following have been confirmed: wheel chair ramp, petting zoo, sign language interpreter, community service workers and Health Connections Van. Tables will need to be picked up and stored at Leonard Hall.

**ADA Accessibility** – R. Aiello will send the Accessibility Subcommittee Goals & Objectives by email to all commission members to review and will discuss at the next meeting.

**Needs Assessment Gap Analysis** – Health and Human Services Study will discuss at next meeting. Commissioners did vote 4 to 1 to establish an office of Human Services in county government. The ADA Coordinator role will be one of the first items taken up by the new office and the council. There will be an advisory council established. J. Randall will bring a copy of the presentation that was made.

**Awards** – C. Bishop will make small changes to the brochure, this has been approved by PIO and can be sent out via email, media release and printed out for handouts.

**New Business/Question & Answers** –

- J. Randall will invite L. Jennings-Harris, Director of Department of Aging to the next meeting to discuss costs to the Ripple Center and the other Senior Centers.
- R. Aiello mentioned that B. Green has a brand new electric wheelchair to donate for a needy person.

**Events/Resources/Question & Answers** – Social at S. St. Clair's house for commission members on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Review next meeting date** – Next meeting is on April 15, 2008 at 4:30 pm.

**Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.