

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

Attendants:

Susan Erichsen
Mark Kalmus
Sheral St. Clair
Cathy Zumbrun
Pam Main
Bill Nicholas
Marie Robinson
Cindy Phillips

Excused:

Julie Randall
Paula Andreas
Dennis Phillips
Yolanda Cambpell
Rocco Aiello
Margaret Ann Stewart
Christi Bishop
Darlene Stalcup

Guests:

Sam Brown
Vicky Brown

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4:30 by S. Erichsen. The meeting agenda and March minutes were distributed and reviewed by attendants.

Review previous meeting minutes - Minutes were waived by board for today for J. Randall's approval. Motion made by P. Main to wait for next meeting for approval, M. Kalmus seconded. Motion carried.

County Compliance/Laws and/or Regulations – C. Zumbrun reported that Social Services Handicapped spaces in the parking lot in Lexington Park were faded and that they will be repainted. M. Kalmus reported that St. Mary's Transit improved their parking spaces with a new taller sign that is permanently placed in the ground. B. Nicholas reported that Center for Life Enrichment went from one to nine handicapped spaces.

M. Kalmus has been letting fellow employees know when they are parked in a marked handicapped area and that next time they could be towed and a fine enforced.

M. Kalmus also reported that St. Mary's Transit is accommodating everyone and there are some Mobility Assistance Devices that they cannot secure properly and they are finding better ways to secure these devices and will look into getting straps to use to secure individuals in mobility assistance devices as they are being loaded on the ramp into the bus. They are letting individuals know that if they stay in their mobility assistance device and the bus becomes involved in an accident and they are not secured properly what the results could be. The manufacturer of the bus was

contacted and that it is not suggested to transport a scooter or device larger than an electric wheelchair.

Finance - No report

Committee Status Reports

Disability Awareness Day

- **Disability Awareness Day was a great success. It was voiced that maybe it's too long of a day. Motion made by P. Main to have J. Randall write a letter thanking everyone involved with the event and place it in the editorial section of The Enterprise newspaper. Seconded by M. Kalmus.**

ADA Accessibility – No report

Needs Assessment Gap Analysis – County Human Resources has posted the director position.

Awards – The brochure is being reworked on. S. Erichsen is asking board members to submit a name for the categories. There will be an initial mailing in July. Committee would like an electronic database of service providers for their mailings.

Events/Resources/Conferences – Material handed out.

New Business – Ripple Center is having a raffle.

Future Agenda Ideas –

- **Bring awareness to general public at the county fair by having staff there with activities set up for the public to try.**
- **Look closely at the Ripple Centers budget and invite the Director of Office on Aging to next meeting, also have a copy of the proposed budget before the meeting to review and have questions ready to ask at meeting.**
- **Proposal for MVA for 80 % Federal funding and 20 % county funding for a Mobility Manager. This program will work with different Human Services Providers to coordinate transportation for elderly, disabled and low income. Received preliminary approval, waiting final award notice from MVA.**

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm by P. Main, seconded by C. Zumbrun.