

## COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

August 25, 2005

Southern Maryland Higher Education Center

### Minutes

**Attendants:** Jackie Fournier  
Pam Main  
Pat O'Connor  
Julie Randall  
Arthur Shepherd  
Cathy Zumbrun

Others present: Christina Bishop, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, Recreation Parks and Community Services

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by co-chair Arthur Shepherd.

The May 2005 minutes were accepted as presented.

Staff from educational institutions were present to discuss educational opportunities available for individuals with disabilities.

Debra Pearce - Supervisor, Special Education, St. Mary's County Public Schools

Ms. Glennis Daniels-Bachus – ADA Coordinator, College of Southern Maryland

Ms. Nancy Danganan – Coordinator for Advising Programs, St. Mary's College of Maryland

Ms. Peggy Densford – Learning Disabilities Assoc.

Arthur Shepherd opened discussion regarding the possibility of naming a new county government ADA Coordinator, replacing Ms. Cynthia Brown. Ms. Brown has served very well in this capacity but the Office (Division) of Community Services is no longer the agency contact for the COPD and that impacts her role in this area. Mr. Shepherd had prior discussion with Ms. Brown and she concurred. Mr. Shepherd recommended that Ms. Christina Bishop, Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator, Department of Recreation, Parks and Community Services fill that position. After brief discussion, it was voted upon and unanimously approved that the co-chair would formally recommend to the county Administrator, Ms. Bishop fill the position as ADA Coordinator.

Members made announcements regarding upcoming events within the community.

The co-chair scheduled an emergency meeting for Thursday, September 29, 2005, 4:00 p.m. at the SMHEC for the purpose of developing strategies based on the May and August meeting presentations.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, October 27, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at the SMHEC.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.