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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Thursday, February 26, 2009

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building)

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Acting Chair Bill Tangney called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Present: 7 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Robert P. Monahan; Lisa A. Jameson; Alice J. Fike;

Ken W. Pritchard; Kory S. Tabor and William J. Tangney

Absent: 2 -

Pamela Erlanger and Marie I. VandeBerg

Excused: 4 -

Mary P. Conroy; Randy G. Black; Nancy R. Kathman and Gregory B.

Banks

Staff: Angela Bennett, Disability Rights and Services Manager

Lucía Nuñez, Department of Civil Rights Director

Guests: Richard Johnson, ADA Coordinator for the County

Sheila Diez, Impact America (Ran Focus Groups)

Pamela Erlanger arrived at 5:12 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Alice Fike, seconded by Ald. Paul Skidmore, to approve the Minutes from Jan. 22, 2009. The motion was passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Pamela Erlanger arrived at 5:12 p.m.

Present: 12 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Mary P. Conroy; Robert P. Monahan; Pamela Erlanger; Randy G. Black; Nancy R. Kathman; Lisa A. Jameson; Alice J. Fike; Ken W. Pritchard; Kory S. Tabor; William J. Tangney and Gregory B. Banks

Absent: 1 -

Marie I. VandeBerg

1. 11707 Dane County Emergency Management Special Needs Registry

The commissioners discussed the following with the visitors:

A. Voluntary Registry

- 1. the voluntary registry which takes information based on what the additional emergency evacuation and shelter needs may be; not WHY someone has special needs, diagnosis, condition, but WHAT is needed and not available
- 2. the confidentiality of the data base
- 3. not covered under HIPPA, but covered by a privacy statement
- 4. whether or not the age and sex is needed on the form
- 5. registry identifies those with extra resources and the possibility to share with others who need that resource
- 6. whether or not there will be a confirmation of when the registry form is received via email or mail, whether there will be an annual confirmation of information (needs, contact information, etc.)
- 7. signing up does not guarantee any services
- 8. forms are available on the Dane County website under Department of Emergency Management link, is available in many languages in text format only (for screen readers), can be filed on line or printed and mailed.
- 9. special needs is defined with a broad definition (i.e. income, mobility, ESL, etc.) so basically everyone can apply
- 10. the bi-monthly meetings started 2 years ago, a collaboration of private sector service agencies and interested individuals
- 11. Dane County is one of the first areas in the Midwest to have a registry

B. Emergency Preparation

- 1. assisting shelters and transient housing with emergency response plans to help homeless or those who are transient
- 2. school districts should have their own emergency response plan that meets the needs of those with special needs in their school
- 3. neighborhoods can develop their own plan in case of an emergency, or even create buddy systems for extra support
- 4. pros/cons of landline telephones, concerns for cell phones, computer phones in cases of emergency
- 5. the Department of Emergency Management follows ICS (Incident Command System) and NIMS (National Incident Management System) protocol during an emergency when using the database
- 6. how to be prepared on your own: have a list of medication you take if you cannot have a backup supply, "go-kit", etc.

C. Special Needs Shelter

1. concerns of shelters being accessible, or working accessible equipment, exception of service animals, availability of interpretation for deaf, and medication when backups are not available

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Paul Skidmore, seconded, by Alice Fike, to Adjourn. Motion was passed by voice vote/other. Adjourned at 6:29 p.m.