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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

5:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Macy called the meeting to order at 5:09pm

Present: 8 -

Betty Hicks; Mikael C. Snitker-Magin; Anna P. Gouker; Nola J. Contrucci; Dale W. Hopkins; Jeffrey S. Buhrandt; Kory S. Tabor and William J. Tangney

Excused: 4 -

Mark Clear; Pamela Erlanger; Sarah L. Baebler and Chris Hendrickson

Staff: Lucia Nuñez, Director, Dept. of Civil Rights; Jason Glozier, Disability Rights Specialist, Dept. of Civil Rights; Jeremiah Swisher, Intern, Dept. of Civil Rights

Guest: Jennifer Fischer, Dane County ADRC Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Buhrandt, and seconded by Contrucci. It was pointed out that the minutes needed to reflect who won the election for chair. The agenda was approved as ammended unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

One person was present for Public Comment. Jaimie Drews addressed the commission regarding the lack of services for Traumatic Brian Injury survivors. She was concerned about funding for services, as well as the lack of treatment resources available. The Commission and Staff agreed to include TBI services in Madison as a future agenda Item.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. <u>30675</u> Aging and Disability Resource Center Presentation

Jennifer Fischer, Dane County ADRC Manager presented to The Commission regarding the services provided by the Aging and Disability Resource Center for Dane County. The ADRC is located at the northgate shopping center on the corner of Northport Drive and Sherman Road. Fischer explained that the ADRC is a place to go for resources, options counseling, and benefits. ADRCs are a mandatory part of wisconsin's long term care system and all 72 counties in the state are served by an ADRC. Services provided are free, voluntary, and consumer directed; individuals seeking services are gauranteed consistent contact with one person and the ADRC will provide follow-up to services they provide. Currently the ADRC offers 4 main services, benefits planning, asset planning, eligibility screening and information and assistance. The ADRC staff includes 4 Disability Benefits Specialists, 16 I&A specialists with an additional 6 recieving training, as well as staff for the Elderly Benefits Program which is co-located within the ADRC.

Fischer shared some statistics with The Commission stating that there have been over 6000 calls since opening and an average of 59 calls a day in the month of May. Commissioners asked about the most common issues, and fischer indicated the greatest requests were for services in the areas of housing and public benefits.

Fischer stated she would be happy to come back in six months to report to The Commission on trends that are forming in service requests, she also indicated they would like to become involved in groups and organizations in the community and are always seeking new members for the ADRC advisory board which meets the first Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm.

REPORTS

2. <u>13520</u> Report from the Chairperson of the Commission on People with Disabilities

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

Nothing to report

3. 14714 Report from the Common Council

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

Nothing to report

4. <u>15340</u> Report from the Department of Civil Rights

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For information only. No action required. Lucía Nuñez, Director, Department of Civil Rights: Actions taken since the last meeting.

Glozier reported on work done in the past month. Glozier focused on presentations given in the past month as well as ongoing work reviewing parks facilities for accessibility. Glozier also discussed the Equity Impact Assessment work being done by several departments to begin looking at this as a method for providing more equitable services before introducing Jeremiah swisher, DCRs new Intern. Swisher Discussed several aspects of projects he is working on in the department. His main project is reviewing the physical and programmatic access of the Community Based Organizations the city funds, in addition to this Swisher is working on a document to be shared with staff regarding strategies to work with Neuro-diverse populations.

5. <u>15341</u> Report from the Parking Council for People with Disabilities

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

The last parking council meeting was cancelled

6. 27668 Report from the ADA Transit Subcommittee

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting. (3 minutes)

The last ADATS meeting was cancelled

 24056 Report from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission

For information only. No action required. Actions taken since the last meeting.

Nothing to report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. <u>10782</u> Future Agenda Items

Commissioners discussed future agenda items, listing employment, disaster preparedness, housing for people with HIV/Aids, and union cab as issues they would like to address. Glozier will compile a list similar to the one used by the ADA transit Subcommittee, and provide it to commissioners at the next meeting.

9. 10783

Announcement of Community Events

For information only; no action required.

Commissioners discussed sending a card to the Studesville family, staff will bring a card for commissioners to sign by the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to Adjourn was made by Hicks, and seconded by Tangney. Motion passed unanimously.

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