

Minutes



STATE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY RIGHTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

4:30-6:00 PM

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

CONFERENCE ROOM

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Attendees: Bob Cooper (Vice Chair), Howard Boksenbaum Regina Connor, David Gallagher, Gail Higgins Fogarty, and Pat Ryherd

Staff: Christine Rancourt

Excused: Paul Choquette (Chair), Parisa Beers, Robert C. Bromley, John MacDonald, James A. Pitassi, Jr., Frederick Burke, Paul DePace, William Fiske, Dexter Merry, Kate McCarthy-Barnett, PhD, Orestes P. Monterey, Ph.D., William Ferland, Monica Dzialo, Ronald C. McMinn, Maria Carlucci, Kathryn Sherman, Erika L. Kruse, Marisa White, Sandra Winslow, Kevin Aucoin, Susan Rezendes, Karen O'Connell Lyons, Donna Rotondi,

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1. Call to order & Introductions **Paul Choquette, Chairperson**

Meeting Called to Order at 4:45 PM by the Vice Chairperson, in the absence of the chairperson (and recorded the minutes)

2. Status of Webcast Training for Municipal ADA Coordinators **Christine Rancourt, Assistant State ADA Coordinator**

Christine Rancourt reported on the Municipal ADA Coordinator Webcast Training. Four of the 5 chapters have been captioned. The Committee discussed posting the webcast training on the newly developed Municipal Government Internet Site, with an on-line evaluation at the end of each chapter.

Howard Boksenbaum will be meeting the Municipal Internet Committee on Sept. 28th, he will urge the Committee to approve putting the ADA webcast training on their site and will follow up with Chris on the results of this meeting.

3. Evaluation of the ADA Training for the Department of Corrections **Christine Rancourt**

Chris reported on last June's ADA Title I Training for the Department of Corrections. The initial 1 day training "overview" was attended by representatives of the State Police, Sheriffs, Juvenile Corrections, and the Judiciary. That was followed by 1/2 day of work with DOC policy team and 1/2 indepth training for the Department of Corrections Human

	Resources Staff. The trainer was from the Nebraska Department of Corrections.	
4.	The Latest from the Job Accommodation Network (Boston Conference Sept. 18th & 19th)	Christine Rancourt
	Chris reported that the JAN conference was very good and well worth the investment of her time and financial resources. Of particular note to her was the presentation on Chemical Sensitivity and the fact that although JAN recommends each report of Chemical Sensitivity be treated on a case by case basis there is still a great deal of “mystery” about it and in some instances, the reports are dismissed, not dealt with at all, or dealt with in a one size fits all manner. Further the medical community has not taken a solid position on Chemical Sensitivity since most of the information provided to doctors is self-report and not all people who are sensitive are sensitive to the same chemicals (e.g. personal products, paint, carpeting, room deodorizers, etc.) which leads to confusion as to what to do by the ADA coordinators.	
5.	Status of RI’s ADA Technical Assistance Grant	Bob Cooper
	The ADA Technical Assistance Funding must be reauthorized by Congress. A new 5 year grant request for proposals is in the grant application review process. At least one other New England Regional entity is in competition with Adaptive Environments (the current NE Regional ADA Technical Assistance Center).	
6.	Adjourned: 6:15 PM on a motion by GHF/HB passed unanimously	Paul Choquette