



Governor's Commission on Disabilities Business Meeting

Monday November 16, 2009 5 – 6:30 PM

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Attendees:	R. Timothy Flynn (Chair.); Dr. Kate McCarthy-Barnett (Vice Chair.); Cristina Amedeo; Jeanne Behie; Sharon Brinkworth; Frederick Burke; Dr. Judith Drew; William Inlow; Katherine Lowe; Ronald McMinn; James Pitassi; Arthur Plitt; Msgr. Gerard Sabourin; Theresa Thaelke; & Linda Ward	
Absent:	Rosemary Carmody; Lisa McKay; Patricia Ryherd; & Nancy Thomas	
----- Minutes -----		
Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	R. Timothy Flynn, Chairperson	5 min.
<p>Chair called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM</p> <p>Introductions: Welcoming new Commissioners: Theresa Thaelke; & William Inlow</p>		
<p>MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented RMcM/KL passed unanimously</p>		
Action Items:	Discussion Leader:	Time:
1. Adoption of the:	Linda Ward, Chairperson, Legislation Committee	40 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Commission's 2010 Legislative Package and b. Public Forum Report 		
a. Commission's 2010 Legislative Package		
<p>Discussion: The Legislation Committee, after reviewing the testimony for the public forums and status of the 2009 Legislative Package recommends the adoption of the following, as the Commission's 2100 Legislative Package:</p>		
<p>Retain for the 2010 Legislative Package the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor and respond to implementation of 09 H 5983 Article 05 Sec. 01 the crisis intervention services for abused non-elderly adults (18-64) with severe impaired 2. Mandate accessible taxicabs 09 H 5146, H 5149 & S 172 3. RIPTA/RIde service reductions 4. Monitor and respond to Medicaid Reform proposals to ensure maintenance of services to individuals with severe disabilities 		
<p>Add to the 2010 Legislative Package the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Mandate pedestrian crosswalks have curb cuts on both sides 6. Increase home modification funding 7. Ensure implementation of the Disability Business Enterprise program 8. Mandate that mill conversions into apartments or condos have a minimum of one unit/federal 		

- formula designated as accessible and affordable
9. Mandate affordable, accessible units for people with chemical sensitivities – including inside the apartment laundry and other washing machines
 10. Increase permanent supportive housing and other community services for people with behavioral health concerns

Discussion: Members discussed adding or revising the items to address, BCI checks of consumer directed in-home care services and workers’ compensation liability of the consumer, replacing the accessible taxi bill with a broader transportation initiative, maintenance of the RIPTA/Ride service areas, and protecting the current Medicaid services for individuals with severe disabilities.

MOTION: To adopt the 2010 Legislative Package as revised as follows:

1. Monitor and respond to implementation of **09 H 5983 Article 05 Sec. 01** the crisis intervention services for abused non-elderly adults (18-64) with severe impaired [need for BCI check for in-home personal care services]
2. Enacting of the John J. MacDonald Jr. Transportation Initiative [accessible taxicabs]
3. Maintain the existing RIPTA/Ride service
4. Monitor and respond to Medicaid Reform proposals to ensure maintenance of the current services to individuals with severe disabilities
5. Mandate pedestrian crosswalks have curb cuts on both sides
6. Increase home modification funding
7. Ensure implementation of the Disability Business Enterprise program
8. Mandate that mill conversions into apartments or condos have a minimum of one unit/federal formula designated as accessible and affordable
9. Mandate affordable, accessible units for people with chemical sensitivities – including inside the apartment laundry and other washing machines
10. Increase permanent supportive housing and other community services for people with behavioral health concerns
11. Address the workers’ compensation liability for the person w/ the disability who employs in-home care services

AP/JD passed unanimously

Discussion: Adoption of a Scope of Review for the 2010 General Assembly Session: that outlines the areas of General Assembly legislation that the committee should be empowered to review and comment, without further Commission review, on during the upcoming legislative session.

2009 Scope of Review	Other categories not included in 2009
Budget¹ Summary for Commission Opposes unless amended 1 Summary for No Position taken 11 Summary for Budget 12 Civil Rights	financial assistance Summary for Committee finds this bill Beneficial 1 Summary for Committee finds this bill Harmful 1 Summary for No Position taken 3 69 not reviewed

¹ Only for recommendations to the Executive Committee or Commission.

<p>Summary for Commission Supports 2 Summary for Commission Supports if amended 1 Summary for Committee finds this bill Beneficial 6 Summary for Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended 5 Summary for Committee finds this bill Harmful 1 Summary for Committee finds this bill Harmful unless amended 2 Summary for No Position taken 14 Summary for Civil Rights 31 Disability Prevention Summary for Committee finds this bill Beneficial 8 Summary for No Position taken 23 11 not reviewed Summary for Disability Prevention 42 Employment Summary for Committee finds this bill Beneficial 2 Summary for No Position taken 6 Summary for Employment 8 Health Care Services Summary for Commission Neutral now that it has been amended 1 Summary for Commission Opposes 3 Summary for Commission Opposes unless amended 2 Summary for Commission Supports 3 Summary for Commission Supports as amended 3 Summary for Committee finds this bill Beneficial 7 Summary for Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended 2 Summary for Committee finds this bill Harmful 3 Summary for Committee recommends Commission Support 1 Summary for No Position taken 48 Summary for Tabled for more information 2 Summary for Health Care Services 75 Housing Summary for Committee finds this bill Beneficial 3 1 not reviewed Summary for Housing 4 Special Education Summary for Committee finds this bill Beneficial 5 Summary for Committee finds this bill Harmful 2 Summary for No Position taken 7 6 not reviewed Summary for Special Education 20 Transportation Summary for Commission Opposes 1 Summary for Commission Supports 4 Summary for Committee finds this bill Beneficial 3 Summary for Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended 2 Summary for Committee finds this bill Harmful unless amended 1 Summary for Monitor this bill 1 Summary for No Position taken 7 Summary for Transportation 19 Total in Scope of Review 211</p>	<p>Summary for financial assistance 74 government operations Summary for Commission Supports if amended 2 Summary for Monitor this bill 1 3 not reviewed Summary for government operations 6 health care rules Summary for Commission Opposes unless amended 1 Summary for Committee finds this bill Beneficial 4 Summary for Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended 2 Summary for No Position taken 4 Summary for Review requested 1 101 not reviewed Summary for health care rules 113 taxes Summary for Committee finds this bill Beneficial 2 17 not reviewed Summary for taxes 19 Total Not in Scope of Review 212 Grand Total 423</p>
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The Legislation Committee recommends the adoption of its 2010 Scope of Review as follows:

1. Budget ²	4. Employment	7. Special Education
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2. Civil Rights	5. Health Care	8. Transportation
3. Disability Prevention	6. Housing	9. Human Services

Members discussed the increased workload of the Legislation Committee and the proposed establishment within the Committee of “teams of reviewers” to handle the workload, efficiently.

MOTION: To adopt the 2010 the Legislation Committee’s 2010 Scope of Review as presented:

1. Budget {Only to make recommendations for the Executive Committee or Commission}
2. Civil Rights
3. Disability Prevention
4. Employment
5. Health Care
6. Housing
7. Special Education
8. Transportation
9. Human Services

SB/JB passed unanimously

b. Public Forum Report

Concerns	Recommendations
Work Group on Accessibility’s Concerns and Recommendations: Kate McCarthy-Barnett, convener; Linda Deschenes, Arthur Plitt & Mon. Sabourin	
Category: <i>Infrastructure</i> Concern was indicated that RI has multiple locations where curb cuts are not located on both sides of a street resulting in barriers to crossing streets and safety concerns.	<u>GCD Legislation Committee</u> should request the Accessibility Committee provide an overview of the procedures for the identification of location and placement of city/town curb cuts. Based on this review, the Legislation Committee should consider implementing legislation mandating curb cuts on both sides of a street.
Category: <i>Resources & Quality of Life</i> Concern was raised over individuals with chemical sensitivity facing barriers in public housing.	<u>The Department of Health Healthy Homes Department</u> should receive an overview of the concerns shared and asked to create a list of cautions on cleaning compounds, installation of new carpets and renovations when using materials that can be toxic. This project could be coordination with DEM and RI Housing.
Category: <i>Infrastructure</i> Concern was raised over the lack of audible street crossing signals	<u>GCD Legislation Committee</u> should consider the implementing legislation mandating audible street crossings be added for all new and repaired traffic signals.
Category: <i>Coordination</i> Concern was raised over the process in renewing placards.	<u>GCD</u> should explore the possibility of recommending AAA provide the service to renewing placards for members. The forms could be mailed to the RIDMV for review of renewals or include a virtual real time review with scanned documents and within 24-48 hours of receipt the placards could be issued by AAA

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	automatically unless advised negatively by RIDMV. Similar procedures and partnerships could be reviewed with the DMV to assist with making the process more efficient.
Category: <i>Resources & Quality of Life</i> Concern was raised over the lack of available resources and funding for home modifications	<u>Independent Living Centers</u> should develop a fact sheet on the procedures for obtaining home modification funding. Increased distribution of the RTI home modification would also assist with increasing education to this process.
Work Group on Employment’s Concerns and Recommendations: Elaina Goldstein, convener; Linda Ward, Linda Deschenes, Rory Carmody, Sue Babin, Arthur Plitt	
Category: Individual in a sheltered workshop not working to full potential.	Draft substantive agency profiles that clearly state what services they provide and to what populations. This will help clients determine if a specific provider is available to meet their needs. Develop provider guide; like old “Blue Book”
Category: Cuts to employment provider services; afraid Hillsgrove will not be around much longer.	Set aside state contracts for disability staffed agencies. See Ability One now at Federal level and NISH as models.
Category: Driver’s education class for youth with disabilities. Supporting HS students with transition services to employment or college.	Use the DLT Environmental Scan of all services and programs then require collaboration among agencies to better serve students in transition.
Work Group on Health Care’s Concerns and Recommendations: Laura Jones, convener; Deborah Garneau, Shavon Smith, Arthur Plitt, Paula Reid, Dawn Wardyga, Deb Golding, Alberto Perez, Victoria Rodriguez	
Category: <i>Infrastructure & Resources</i> Resources, including insurance and the services they need, are difficult to navigate for people with disabilities in the community. There are barriers to access due to the challenges of the application process, the frustration in figuring it all out that many stop the process and don’t get what they need.	Expansion of the Peer Assisted Health Initiative in more locations to assist people with disabilities in coordination and guidance of current resources available to them. Have the Peer Resource Specialist located in more primary care and specialty sites where people with disabilities frequent.
Category: <i>Infrastructure & Resources</i> Durable medical equipment process is difficult to navigate. Patient is put into the position to coordinate and advocate, as even the professionals seem to not know the process. Equipment is taking too long to get to the patient and patient is suffering with pain and discomfort as a result.	Medicaid/Medicare patient needs a good evaluation of needs and a plan of action. Follow-up by a care coordinator is needed to assist in getting the medical equipment needed in a timely manner and the amount needed. More information and assistance with resources at the community level. Provide more help at the DHS offices by expanding the PAHI/PPEP resource specialist program. Put Family Resource Counselors in other locations beyond the Community Health Centers. Make process less cumbersome for patients.

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<p>Category: <i>Guidance & Coordination</i> Eye procedure that was done at Koch Eye Associates improved the patient's sight from 20/400 to 20/50 but has declined without further treatment. Insurance company will not pay for drug unless it is done in a doctor's office. The doctor says they can not do this in the office. The procedure is a surgical procedure and needs to be done in a surgical office.</p>	<p>Make insurance commissioner's office aware of these types of issues. Have Insurance Commissioner's work collaboratively with The Governor's Commission On Disabilities and have them attend public forums. The remediation process needs to be more transparent by insurance companies. Patient's need to understand their rights and the process should be one they can understand and are able to navigate. We recommend the implementation of a Team Approach in the adult system. Provider's offices need to inform patients on remediation when insurance providers deny services. This patient is unaware of information and resources that are available. Patients with complicated conditioned need to have case management or Peer Resource Specialist services such that are offered by the Peer Assisted Health Initiative.</p>
<p>Category: <i>Infrastructure & Coordination</i> Concern is the limitation of the CEDARR Family Centers and their inability to help all families with information and referral with and without Medicaid which was the original intent of this system. If a child with a disability has commercial insurance they can't get the services including the information and referral piece which would include how to apply for Medicaid if appropriate.</p>	<p>The Governor's Commission on Disabilities drives home the message that this state needs to take responsibility for the public awareness that is needed so that families know how they can access systems and services for their children. This includes not making the process too difficult and offering assistance with the application process. Make CEDDAR Family Centers available for all, not just for those with Medicaid for information and referrals services.</p>
<p>Category: <i>Coordination</i> Concern is that the average person doesn't have the overall knowledge of the impact that the Global Waiver is going to have on people with disabilities and chronic care conditions.</p>	<p>The Governor's Commission on Disabilities, Legislative Committee to take on as a priority the oversight of the Global Waiver and its effect on people with disabilities and chronic care conditions.</p>
<p>Category: <i>Guidance & Coordination</i> Concern is that the Global Waiver will provide equity and fairness in the way and amount of services provided to people with disabilities. The average person doesn't understand what is happening and the fear is that people will not have choice based on individual needs.</p>	<p>The funds follow the person.</p>
<p>Category: <i>Infrastructure & Resources</i> Concern is the wording under the preventative needs section of the Global Waiver where it specifies that minor environmental modifications are allowed.</p>	<p>Modifications such as ramps, vertical platform lifts, grab bars, handrails in stairways or steps, ceiling traps be added all of which are critical pieces of equipment to allow people with disabilities to stay in their home. The wording should read environmental modifications are allowed, omitting the word minor. Minor usually means putting or adding a piece of adaptive equipment. It is</p>

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	also recommended that equipment like standing poles not be specified which would lock you the person into one intervention when there are many possibilities.
<p>Category: <i>Infrastructure & Resources</i> Concern is that the Global Waiver mentions physical therapy evaluations and services but doesn't include occupational therapy evaluation and services.</p>	A comprehensive evaluation should be done to evaluate needs of the person and not limit to specific type of therapy and services. Evaluation and services should include PT, OT, speech or other types of therapists when appropriate.
<p>Category: <i>Infrastructure & Resources</i> The Sherlock Plan was passed to allow people with disabilities to go to work allowing them to purchase Medicaid so they would have the critical services they need. The reality is that if you apply you are told that you do not qualify for the Sherlock Plan because you are receiving these critical services. Where is the work incentive?</p>	Allow people with disabilities to buy-in to Medicaid based on income and not have critical services removed such as personal care assistants, and services critical to functioning. Have employment be a priority our state supports. Have legislation if needed make the changes needed to the Sherlock Plan.
<p>Category: <i>Guidance & Coordination</i> Medicaid /Medicare Patient is rationing colostomy bags due to insurance only providing a certain amount that is not sufficient to the needs of the individual. This individual has been denied by insurance multiple times even with documentation by physician. Patient's quality of life is affected.</p>	Patients need a better understanding of the remediation process. This process needs to be more transparent to patients. Professional need to be trained to provide clear information both verbal and in writing as to the remediation process and provide assistance if needed or refer to someone who can help with the process. Evaluations need to be done to access needs of patients. Recommendations of the needs assessment should be followed as they are based on the individual needs of the patient and his or her condition. Increased cost needs to be evaluated to prevent long-term effects of rationing.
<p>Category: <i>Infrastructure & Resources</i> Concern is that waiting list under the Global Waiver specify that priority will be give to beneficiaries with high needs rather than those needing preventative services. Conditions may decline without preventative services to high need if not addressed in a timely manner. Caregivers may be hurt trying to lift or transfer patients without the proper equipment. People with disabilities will be isolated in their homes, may be unable to get out in the event of an emergency or to doctor appointments. It is also a quality of life issue in that people need fresh air and sun on their faces.</p>	The Global Task force team should look at and consider how they look at preventative services in the event that waiting list occurs. That priority should not be based on level of need but on outcome if service is not provided in a timely manner.
Work Group on Housing's Concerns and Recommendations: Linda Ward, convener, & Sharon Brinkworth	
Category: Accessibility	Mill conversions into apartments or condos should have

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Limited choice of accessible housing	a minimum of one unit designated as accessible and affordable.	
Category: <i>Behavior Health</i> Need for permanent housing and supports for people with behavioral health concerns	Affordable units for people with disabilities should be increased.	
Category: <i>Chemical Sensitivity</i> Lack of safe housing for individuals with chemical sensitivity	Affordable, accessible units for people with chemical sensitivities should be available.	
Work Group on Transportation’s Concerns and Recommendations: Tim Flynn, convener, & Bill Inlow		
Category: <i>Taxis</i> Lack of wheelchair accessible taxi cabs	The Commission should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ reintroduce Rep. Corderre’s bill and ▪ include information on new accessible taxi. http://www.vpgautos.com 	
Category: <i>Paratransit</i> Limited Ride paratransit service	The Commission should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ send letters to legislators and appropriate agency heads stating the understanding of current ADA/budgetary constraints but advocating continued need for service for those technically eligible living / outside current service areas; ▪ advocate for parity between elderly and disabled riders: \$2.00/fare; and ▪ support for current state funding levels for RIPTA re. maintaining/promoting employment opportunities for people with disabilities 	
Category: <i>Buses</i> Lack of audible stop announcements on RIPTA buses	The Commission should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ support current initiative to install electronic location announcement technology to aid riders with vision impairments; and ▪ urge RIPTA to maintain communication w/ disabled consumers to evaluate and improve services, through the Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee 	
<p>MOTION: To adopt the 2009 Public Forums on the Concerns of People with Disabilities and Their Families’ Concerns and Recommendations, and transmit the Report to the Governor and General Assembly, as revised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ striking the phrase “advocate for parity between elderly and disabled riders: \$2.00/fare” and ▪ adding Arthur Plitt to the list of accessibility working group members <p>AP/CA passed unanimously</p>		
2. Status of the Commission’s Budget Requests		
a. FY 2011 – 2015 Capital Budget Request: Handicapped Accessibility - Facility	Kate McCarthy Barnett, Chairperson, Accessibility	10 min.

Renovations	Committee	
<p>The Budget Analyst is recommending the RI Capital Plan funding for accessibility renovations of state owned facilities be cut from the Commission’s request of \$475,000 to \$250,000. The Commission’s Accessibility Committee the estimated cost of installing an elevator in the Groden Center alone is \$450,000. The Groden Center is a behavioral center/school serving the specific and varied needs of children who are working hard to overcome barriers presented by autism and behavioral disorders - some of whom also have mobility impairments. Currently only the basement is accessible; so these students can only receive services on that level and are thus separated from the rest of their peers.</p>		
<p>MOTION: To appeal the Budget Analyst’s recommendation for the FY 2011-2015 RICAP: Handicapped Accessibility – Facility Renovations Capital Budget LW/JB passed Abstain AP.</p>		
<p>b. FY 2010 Revised Budget Request</p>	<p>Tim Flynn</p>	<p>10 min.</p>
<p>The Budget Office has not released its 2010 Revised Budget Recommendations, yet.</p>		
<p>c. FY 2011 Budget Request</p>	<p>Tim Flynn</p>	<p>10 min.</p>
<p>The Budget Office has not released its 2011 Budget Recommendations, yet.</p>		
<p>MOTION: To authorize the Executive Committee to respond to the Budget Analyst’s recommendation for the FY 2010 Revised Budget & FY 2011 Budget KMcC-B/JB passed unanimously</p>		
<p>3. Advice and Consent on Appointments</p>	<p>Tim Flynn</p>	
<p>To the Legislation Committee: Theresa Thoelke; & William Inlow</p>		<p>5 min.</p>
<p>MOTION: To give advice and consent to the Chairperson’s appointments of William Inlow and Theresa Thoelke to the Legislation Committee, LW/KL passed unanimously</p>		
<p>4. Ratification of NE ADA Center Grant Contract</p>	<p>Pat Ryherd, Chairperson Employment Committee</p>	<p>10 min.</p>
<p>Discussion: The NE ADA Center has not disseminated the 2010 contract, yet. If it arrives prior to the meeting it will be emailed out, if not the Commission could authorize the Executive Committee to ratify the contract when it does arrive.</p>		
<p>MOTION: To ratify the NE ADA Center Grant Contract for Federal Program Year 2009-2010, while expressing concern regarding the section: “MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES If our Public Relations campaign is funded, please indicate in percentages, reasonable goals: MARKETING GOALS o Increases technical assistance requests by x% o Increases number of training projects by x% o Increases presentations and public awareness activities by x% o Increases number of web hits by x%.”</p>		

Without any additional resources (to cover the cost of additional personnel, etc.) the Commission could not expand its services. LW/KL Passed unanimously

5. Adoption of the 2010 Schedule of Meetings	Bob Cooper	5 min.
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Governor's Commission on Disabilities

The Commission's objective is to ensure that all people with disabilities are afforded the opportunities to exercise all the rights and responsibilities accorded to citizens of this state and each person with a disability is able to reach his/her maximum potential in independence, human development, productivity and self-sufficiency.

The Commission meets Mondays 5 – 7 PM: 01/25; 04/19; 07/19; 09/13; and 11/29

Accessibility Committee

Overseeing the removal of environmental and communication barriers at state owned facilities and Reviewing municipal and state agency disability parking enforcement annual reports and recommending improvements.

The Accessibility Committee meets the 4th Monday 2 – 3:30 PM: 02/22; 04/26; 06/28; 8/23*; and 10/25

Disability Business Enterprise Committee

Certifying rehabilitation agencies and businesses owned by people with disabilities or whose workforce consists of 60% of more people with disabilities for preferences on bidding for state contracts and Promoting the selection of rehabilitation facilities and disadvantaged small businesses owned by people with disabilities in the awarding of state government contracts.

The Disability Business Enterprise Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday 9 – 10:30 AM: 01/13; 02/10; 03/10; 05/12; 8/25*; 11/10; and 12/08

Election Assistance Committee

Overseeing the Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Grant:

Awarding polling place renovation grants to municipal boards of canvassers;

Developing training modules to be used by election officials and poll place workers to better prepare them to meet a variety of voter needs;

Recruiting people with disabilities to serve as trained poll workers, and/or serve, on an as-needed basis, as advisors to the Commission, the RI Disability Law Center, Secretary of State's Election Division, and the State Board of Elections' ongoing attempts to ensure polling site accessibility and greater participation by people with disabilities in the electoral process; and

Monitoring the RI Disability Vote Projects voter registration and education outreach programs.

The Election Assistance Committee meets the 3rd Thursday, 9:30 – 11:00 AM: 1/21, 3/18, 5/20, 8/26*, 9/16 & 11/18

Employment Committee

Overseeing implementation of the provision of training and technical assistance regarding the employment provisions of the ADA Grant and Promoting Work and Work Incentives.

The Employment Committee meets the 3rd Thursday 9 – 10:30 AM: 02/18; 04/15; 06/17; 8/19*; and 10/21

Hearing Board

Conducting hearings and rendering decisions on matters relating to:

Disability discrimination complaints involving physical barriers to public and private entities [RIGL 42-87];

Transition Plans from state agencies requesting to lease inaccessible facilities [RIGL 37-8-15.1]; and Open Meeting Transition Plans from local and state government entities [RIGL 42-46-13].
 Granting waivers that allows a member of a public body (as defined by the RI Open Meeting Law) to participate by electronic communication or telephone communication only if the member's disability would prevent him/her from being physically present at the meeting location, and the use of such communication is the only reasonable accommodation.

The Hearing Board meets to conduct hearings, as needed. Wednesday 4 – 5:30: 08/18*

Legislation Committee

Conducting public forums annually to identify the concerns of people with disabilities and their families,
 Drafting legislation to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities, and
 Reviewing and commenting on legislation impacting on people with disabilities.

The Legislation Committee meets the 2nd Monday 3 – 4:30 PM: 01/11; 02/08; 03/08; 04/12; 05/10; 06/14; 07/12; 08/30*; 09/20; 11/08; and 12/13. The Committee also conducts public forums on the concerns of people with disabilities annually during the week of July 26th – 30th celebrating the anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990.

State Coordinating Committee on Disability Rights

Overseeing the State Government’s compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal/state disability rights laws, and
 Promoting awareness of the ADA Titles II & III.

The State Coordinating Committee on Disability Rights meets the 4th Tuesday 2:30 – 4 PM: 02/23; 05/25; 08/24*; and 11/23

Executive Committee

Oversees internal management of the Commission;
 Making policy decisions between Commission meetings; and
 Interviewing applicants and appointing the Mary Brennan (Public Awareness) Fellows; Edward J. Schroeder (Legislative) Fellow; and G. Frank Hanaway (Architectural Awareness) Fellows, to college students with disabilities or pursuing a degree in an area of study relating to people with disabilities.

The Executive Committee meetings Tuesdays 4 – 5:30 PM: 02/16; 06/8 (spring & fall fellowship interviews); 08/31*; 10/26; and 12/14 (winter fellowship interviews)

Staff

The Commission’s staff meetings Mondays 9:30 – 10:30 AM: 01/04; 02/01; 03/01; 04/05; 05/03; 06/07; 07/12; 08/02; 09/13; 10/04; 11/01; 12/06

***Annual planning meetings to review of achievements and develop operations plans for the next 2 program years**

MOTION: To Adopt the 2010 Schedule of Meetings, as presented SB/AP passed unanimously		
6. Disability Business Enterprises and Purchasing Regulations	Tim Flynn	5 min.
MOTION: To support the revisions to the Purchasing Regulations regarding disability business enterprises, as revised to move the text of the regulations to an appendix. AP/LW passed unanimously		
Adjournment		Tim Flynn
Adjournment:	Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM	

Observers:	Andrew Robertson, House Policy Office.
Resource persons:	Bob Cooper, Secretary