



Governor's Commission on Disabilities Business Meeting

Monday April 19, 2010 5 – 7 PM

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Attendees:	R. Timothy Flynn (Chair.); Dr. Kate McCarthy-Barnett (Vice Chair.); Cristina Amedeo; Jeanne Behie; Sharon Brinkworth;; Dr. Judith Drew; William Inlow; Katherine Lowe; Ronald McMinn; James Pitassi; Patricia Ryherd; Sarah Everhart Skeels; Theresa Thielke; & Linda Ward
Absent:	Frederick Burke; Rosemary Carmody; Lisa McKay; Arthur Plitt; Msgr. Gerard Sabourin; & Nancy Thomas

----- Minutes -----

Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	R. Timothy Flynn, Chairperson	5 min.
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Introductions: Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:04 PM

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented SB/LW passed unanimously

Action Items:	Discussion Leader:	Time:
1. Commission Operations	Tim Flynn	
a. FY 10 Supplemental Budget		5 min.
b. FY 11 Budget		10 min.
c. Staff Accretion		5 min.

Discussion:

The 2010 Supplemental Budget Bill as reported out of the House Finance Committee Thursday evening made NO changes from the Commission's request/Governor's recommendation

FY 11 Budget – House Finance Committee scheduled the Commission's hearing for Tuesday May 4th at the Rise (sometime after 4:30) in room 35

The Accretion Petition was resolved – the incumbents retain their unclassified non-union status, when each position becomes vacant it will be converted into a union position.

2. Accessibility Committee	Kate McCarthy-Barnett, Chair. Harvey Salvas, State ADA Coordinator	10 min.
a. Capital Budget		
b. NE ADA Center Grant–Employment		

- Discussion: Salty Brine Beach access and fishing platforms are near completion and the Opening will be May 24th @ 11 AM all are welcome.

- The Groden Center elevator Architectural & Engineering contract is has been signed and awaits purchase order.
- DBR audio and video system for reception area to be installed soon, waiting for equipment to be delivered.
- URI door hardware funds have been transferred.
- Funds for the ARTS have been transferred.
- Groden Center rest room project; the selected contractor's bid was \$10,000 more than the Committee authorized.
- Three 6 hour trainings were given for the RI Realtors Association, continuing education program. The rebranding of our National Network of ADA Centers, Institute for Human Centered Design (IHCD) has been initiated.

MOTION: To approve increasing the DCYF Groden Center rest room project from \$29,900 to \$35,000. RMcM/PR passed unanimously

3. Disability Business Enterprises	Tim Flynn, Chair.	10 min.
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- Discussion: Met with all of the DBEs to learn about them.
- Met with Corliss, Cookie Place regarding their particular concerns.
- Connecting other DBEs with resources and providing information which may be relevant to them.
- Conducted training for the DBEs with Linda Roche and Paul Harden.
- Sent recertification letters to all existing DBEs; followed up as necessary.
- Recertified 15 DBEs; 3 DBEs have yet to apply for recertification; 2 DBEs have opted not to recertify.
- One new DBE certified: Ed LeDoux Freelance Photography.
- Sent certification/Recertification information onto Lou DeQuattro.
- Spoke at Pawtuxet Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Provided overview of DBE program at Realtor trainings
- Revised DBE brochure
- Updated DBE Access database
- Created quarterly report and sent to DBEs. In the process now of collecting data regarding the changes to the rules and regulations for the DBE program which went into effect 10/28/09: # of people employed; # of contracts bid on; and # of contracts awarded.
- Mentored volunteer from October thru January.

JP will look into the status of the draft regulations.

4. Employment Committee	Pat Ryherd, Chair.	10 min.
a. NE ADA Grant – Employment	Christine Rancourt Bruzzi, Assistant ADA Coordinator	

- Discussion: Fielded technical assistance calls.
- Secured speakers, created agendas and held meetings with College and University Disability and Employment Services Staffs on Nov. 4, 2009 and March 9, 2010.
- Participated in job fair in October with netWORKri and Rhodes to Independence.
- Spoke with several Chambers of Commerce personnel about the work the GCD does.
- Delivered ADA presentations to staff from Pawtucket and Providence offices of netWORKri;

DLTs' Equal Access Opportunity Committee; students at JWU and CCRI (2X) and those enrolled in a Supportive Employment Program; Realtors on Oct. 21, 2009, Jan. 29, 2010; Feb 19, 2010 and March 3, 2010.

- Created presentations unique to each of the audiences above.
- Collected and entered feedback data for the presentations referenced above (no data collected for DLT presentation) in Excel.
- Guest speaker at Pawtuxet Valley Chamber of Commerce luncheon.
- Participated in EEOC audio conferences.
- Attended BLN meeting at AIPSO.
- Successfully completed 1 mediation. ACCESS database updated. Materials distributed and mediators found.
- Four potential mediations in process. ACCESS database updated. Materials distributed.

Suggest connects with RIPIN Transition workshops and high school student presentations. Need to train middle and high school students with disabilities in self advocacy

5. Election Assistance Committee
a. HAVA Grant

Rory Carmody, Chair.
Christopher DeGrave, Assistant State
ADA Coordinator

10 min.

Discussion: Over the past several months the committee has been shifting into high gear as the elections in November are fast approaching.

Recently, the Committee has:

- met with Inclusion Solutions, an accessibility products company who proposed several items to increase accessibility for voting in RI. Items included: 4 station accessible voting booths, ballot magnifiers and wireless doorbell devices.
- Allocated funding to purchase (5) - Inclusion Solution ADA Site Survey Tool Kits to aid in the surveying of polling locations with the RI Board of Elections. (Order has been placed)
- Brainstormed recruitment & retention techniques for poll workers
- Developed strong opposition w/ RIDVP against the current voter ID bill as well as coming up with other ideas to increase security but NOT limit those with disabilities.
- Strengthened relations with other agencies - RIDVP, RI Board of Elections, RI Secretary of State's Office
- RI Board of Elections currently using 4 station accessible booths on demo in various municipal elections. (Product reviews to follow)

Near Future:

- Research, Record & Analyze Data from previous polling location surveys to allocate funding for necessary ADA equipment & modifications. (Previous surveys from 1992 & 2000 located)
- Survey all potential "problem area" polling locations to insure election day accessibility
- Work with the Division of Motor Vehicles in acquiring list-serve of names, addresses and contact information for those with disability placards. Info. will be used to contact individuals about voting processes, accessible polling locations and absentee voting opportunities. (Currently waiting on new DMV computer system)

The Community Provider Network of RI is moving and asked if the Commission would provide desk, etc. for the RI Disability Vote Project organizer. The Executive Committee has agreed to provide office space, telephones, and supplies for the project's organizer, and adjust our grant to the Community Provider Network of RI.

6. Legislation Committee a. 2010 Legislative Package	Linda Ward, Chair. Bob Cooper	10 min.
Discussion: Status of GCD's Legislative Package List on 4/12/2010		
Commission Supports		

Held for Further Study or Continued

House Corporations Committee

10 H 7498 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS--WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION Rep. Coderre E Requested by the Governor's Commission on Disabilities

Sent House Letter 3/16/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

House Finance Committee

10 H 7397 Article 19 RELATING TO CHILDREN'S HEALTH ACCOUNT Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 3/1/2010 House Testimony 2/25/2010 Senate Testimony 3/4/2010

House Municipal Government Committee

10 H 7300 AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS-ACCESSIBLE CROSSWALKS Rep. Kennedy Requested by the Governor's Commission on Disabilities

Sent House Letter 2/24/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony 2/25/2010 Senate Testimony

Notes: Working with League of Cities & Towns on an amendment 4/8.

Senate Housing and Municipal Government Committee

10 S 2133 AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS-ACCESSIBLE CROSSWALKS Sen. Tassoni Requested by the Governor's Commission on Disabilities

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 2/24/2010 House Testimony Senate Testimony 3/23/2010

Notes: Working with League of Cities & Towns on an amendment 4/8.

Referred to Committee

Senate Finance Committee

10 S 2674 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION Sen. Walaska Requested by the Governor's Commission on Disabilities

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 4/8/2010 House Testimony Senate Testimony

Commission Supports if amended

Held for Further Study or Continued

House Finance Committee

10 H 7397 Article 29 GBA 01 Governor's Amendment RELATING TO GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor

Sent House Letter 2/24/2010 Sent Senate Letter 2/25/2010 House Testimony Senate Testimony 2/25/2010

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

10 S 2206 AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES-ADULT CRISIS INTERVENTION-CENTER AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES Sen. McCaffrey Requested by the Governor's Commission on Disabilities

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 2/25/2010 House Testimony Senate Testimony 4/7/2010

Notes: Amendment agreed to by ACLU and Council 94 on 4/12.

Referred to Committee

House Finance Committee

10 H 7369 AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - ADULT CRISIS INTERVENTION - CENTER AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES Rep. Naughton Requested by the Governor's

Commission on Disabilities

Sent House Letter 2/25/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

Notes: Amendment agreed to by ACLU and Council 94 on 4/12.

Senate Finance Committee

10 S 2189 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE Sen. Metts

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 3/16/2010 House Testimony Senate Testimony

Commission Opposes

Held for Further Study or Continued

House Finance Committee

10 H 7397 Article 31 RELATING TO RITE CARE PROGRAM Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor

Sent House Letter 2/24/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony 2/25/2010 Senate Testimony 3/4/2010

Commission Opposes unless amended

Passed As Amended

Senate Desk

10 H 7105 Article 19 (formerly GBA 09 & H 7397 Article 21) Sub A RELATING TO MEDICAID REFORM ACT Requested by the Governor

Sent House Letter 2/8/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony 2/8/2010 Senate Testimony

Commission Neutral now that it has been amended

Recommend Passage

House Calendar

4/13/2010 # 001

10 H 7105 Article 04 (formerly 7397 Article 25 GBA 07) Sub A RELATING TO FEES AND FINES

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor

Sent House Letter 2/24/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony 3/3/2010 Senate Testimony

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Held for Further Study or Continued

House Corporations Committee

10 H 7361 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE Rep. Ajello

Sent House Letter 3/16/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

10 H 7315 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY Rep. Palumbo

Sent House Letter 3/16/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

House Judiciary Committee

10 H 7085 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES--CHILD RESTRAINTS

Rep. Gablinske

Sent House Letter 2/24/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

10 H 7111 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES Rep. Marcello

Sent House Letter 3/3/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

10 H 7118 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES Rep. Gablinske

Sent House Letter 2/24/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

10 H 7490 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - CRIMINAL PROCEDURE SENTENCE AND EXECUTION - HATE CRIMES Rep. Segal

Sent House Letter 3/16/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

Senate Judiciary Committee

10 S 2062 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES Sen. Raptakis

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 2/24/2010 House Testimony Senate Testimony

10 S 2065 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES Sen. Raptakis

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 3/3/2010 House Testimony Senate Testimony

10 S 2149 AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT Sen. Metts

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 3/1/2010 House Testimony Senate Testimony

Recommend Passage

House Calendar

4/28/2010 # 001

10 H 7044 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-STATE POLICE

Rep. Ajello

Sent House Letter 2/24/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

Referred to Committee

Senate Judiciary Committee

10 S 2055 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE

Sen. Miller

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 2/24/2010 House Testimony Senate Testimony

10 S 2707 AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS Sen. Lynch

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

Withdrawn at sponsor's request

House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

10 H 7921 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PRICE DIFFERENTIALS

Rep. Trillo

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended

Held for Further Study or Continued

House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

10 H 7512 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY Rep. Shallcross Smith
Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

House Judiciary Committee

10 H 7953 AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS Rep. San Bento By Request
Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

House Municipal Government Committee

10 H 7352 AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES
Rep. Kilmartin

Sent House Letter 3/16/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

Senate Education Committee

10 S 2034 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION Sen. Felag
Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 2/24/2010 House Testimony Senate Testimony

Passed & Transferred

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

10 H 7378 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, RETARDATION AND HOSPITALS -- NEW TITLE Rep. Ferri
Sent House Letter 2/24/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

Postponed by sponsor

House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

10 H 7036 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION Rep. Gallison
Sent House Letter 2/24/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

Referred to Committee

Senate Finance Committee

10 S 2121 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY Sen. Blais
Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 3/16/2010 House Testimony Senate Testimony

Transferred

House Finance Committee

10 H 7451 AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - INTERPRETER SERVICES
Rep. Coderre
Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

Committee finds this bill Harmful

Held for Further Study or Continued

House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

10 H 7931 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS
Rep. Silva
Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

House Judiciary Committee

10 H 7388 AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER IDENTIFICATION Rep. Brien

Sent House Letter 2/24/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

Senate Judiciary Committee

10 S 2141 AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS Sen. Blais

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 2/24/2010 House Testimony Senate Testimony

Referred to Committee

House Finance Committee

10 H 7897 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION Rep. Carter

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

House Judiciary Committee

10 H 7950 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES Rep. Shallcross Smith

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

Senate Finance Committee

10 S 2113 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL TAX

Sen. Felag

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 3/1/2010 House Testimony Senate Testimony

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

10 S 2747 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE--FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Sen. Blais

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

Senate Housing and Municipal Government Committee

10 S 2292 AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING Sen. Sheehan By Request

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

Committee finds this bill Harmful unless amended

Held for Further Study or Continued

Senate Corporations Committee

10 S 2396 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TERMINATION OF SERVICE Sen. Metts

Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

Referred to Committee

House Finance Committee

10 H 7408 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Rep. Costantino

Sent House Letter 3/1/2010 Sent Senate Letter House Testimony Senate Testimony

The Legislation Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that the Commission oppose the Elimination of the RIPTA ½ Fare/No Fare Discounts for seniors and low income persons with disabilities. The Executive Committee agreed

MOTION: To ratify the decision to oppose the elimination of RIPTA's ½ fare and no fare discounts for seniors and low income persons with disabilities SB/ JB passed

Recused BI			
Access - Going Beyond Ramps		Katherine Lowe	
Discussion: See attached Powerpoint Presentation			
Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings		R. Timothy Flynn	5 min.
The Public Forums will be held July 26 th – 30 th . Potential sites include:			
	Region	Location	Host
	Bristol County	Galley Rm. Barrington	Ask SILC
	Greater Providence	Dept of Admin (5:30 PM)	Ask Health
	Kent County	Warwick Public Library (4:30 PM)	Ask OSCIL
	Newport County	Middletown Public Library	Ask Looking Upwards
	Northern RI	Cumberland Public Library (AM)	Ask PARI
	Washington (South) County	Peacedale Library	Ask RIPIN
Next meeting will be on:		Monday July 19, 2010	Starting at: 5 pm
Adjournment:	Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM		
Resource persons:	Bob Cooper, Secretary, Kathleen Samways		