



# Minutes for Governor's Commission on Disabilities Election Assistance Committee

**Thursday, January 21, 2010 @ 9:30 – 11:00 AM**

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<b>Attendees:</b>	Rory Carmody, Kate Bowden, Christopher DeGrave, Regina Connor, Steven Florio, Grace Pires, Michelle Hayes, Robert Rapoza, Arthur Plitt	
<b>Absent:</b>	Miguel Nunez , Lorna Ricci, Leo Canuel, Jean Lawlor, Casey Gartland,	
<b>----- Agenda Topics -----</b>		
<b>Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes</b>	<b>Rory Carmody</b>	<b>5 min.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Introduction: 9:15- No minutes presented for approval, last meeting cancelled</li> </ul>		
<b>Action Items:</b>	<b>Discussion Leader:</b>	<b>15min</b>
<b>1. RI Disability Vote Project Update</b>	<b>Rory Carmody/ K. Bowden</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ List Enhancement Update: Preliminary data suggests RIDVP is having positive effect on disability voting and increasing participation at the polls.</li> <li>➤ <b>Upcoming Election Training Event- January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010- 10AM- Cranston Public Library</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tips on utilizing government services &amp; legislators</li> <li>▪ Transportation for voting services</li> <li>▪ Poll worker recruitment</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Public Service Announcement – Thought process in motion on getting PSA on-air by July. Rory to research tactics and strategy to do so.</li> </ul>		
<b>2. Board of Elections Update</b>	<b>Robert Rapoza</b>	<b>2 min.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No current update at this time.</li> </ul>		
<b>3. Inclusion Solutions Debrief/ Discussion</b>	<b>C. DeGrave</b>	<b>10 min.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ C. Degrave- Inclusion solutions presentation in early January- Very informative and presented many reasonable solutions for polling places. Interested in purchasing survey kits for RIGCD &amp; BOE locations.</li> <li>➤ BOE ( R.R) agrees that purchasing a survey kit for each municipality is not a responsible use of resources. Communities cannot be relied upon to conduct their own accurate surveys for polling locations. A few survey kits in a state cache would be a great idea for general usage.</li> </ul>		

<b>4. Polling Location Surveys &amp; Next Steps</b>	<b>Rory Carmody</b>	<b>35 min.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ BOE ( R.R) - To give four (4) person accessible voting booth model a test run at next municipal election in Cumberland, RI on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Some concerns related to stability, size of ballot tables vs. RI ballot sizes and strength of structure if leaned on.</li> <li>➤ <b>Motion by Rory Carmody to purchase five (5) Accessibility Survey Tool Kits from Inclusion Solutions at the price of \$250.00 each. Three (3) survey kits to be designated for sign-out at the RI Governor’s Commission on Disabilities office and two (2) survey kits to be assigned to the Rhode Island Board of Elections Office.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Seconded by Regina Connor- <i>Vote unanimous in favor</i></b></li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ C. DeGrave to correspond with Hollister Bundy of Inclusion Solutions to inquire about receiving a few demo raised ballot magnifiers and magnification sheets.</li> <li>➤ C. DeGrave to making inquiry of Inclusion Solutions concerning magnification power upgrade to ballot magnifier- Some concern regarding true effectiveness.</li> <li>➤ C. DeGrave to receive quote for (600) ballot magnifiers and (50) door knob lever kits from Inclusion Solutions.</li> <li>➤ C. DeGrave to look into past 2006 Polling Location Survey Data to report to RIDVP &amp; RI Board of Elections on major findings and high-priority locations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Most major issues identified in volunteer surveys were disability parking and accessible entrance route signage problems.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>5. Announcements &amp; Meeting Schedule</b>	<b>Rory Carmody</b>	<b>10 min.</b>
<p><b><u>Next Meeting: February 2010- Exact Date TBA</u></b></p> <p><b>*** <i>No other announcements at this time</i></b></p>		
Adjournment:	<b><i>Rory Carmody – Motion to Adjourn, Seconded by A. Plitt: <u>Vote Unanimous.</u></i></b>	
<b>GCD Staff Attendees:</b>	Christopher DeGrave	