



Description of graphic: RI State Seal an anchor in gold behind a blue wheelchair logo. Just below is a blue banner with the state motto "Hope". All are in the center of a ring of 8 blue stars, in groups of 2 separated by the logos for Braille, hearing aids, low vision and amplified phone.

Governor's Commission on Disabilities Election Assistance Committee Minutes

Thursday- July 22nd, 2010 9:30-11 AM

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	Rory Carmody (Chair), Kate Bowden, Steven Florio, Jean Lawlor
Attendees:	
Absent:	Leo Canuel, Regina Connor, Casey Gartland, Michelle Hayes, Grace Pires, Arthur Plitt, Miguel Nunez, Robert Rapoza, Lorna Ricci
Guests:	-NA-
Staff:	Christopher DeGrave, Bob Cooper

	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
	Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Rosemary Carmody, Chairperson	9:30
Chair calls the meeting to order at 930am and welcomes all in attendance.			
MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting (1/21/10) as presented.			
Motion by: Kate Bowden, Seconded by: Jean Lawlor : Vote Unanimous			

Action Items:			
	HAVA Grant Budget/Activities	Kate Bowden	9:45
Purpose/Goal: To develop a plan to implement that meets Federal HAVA requirements/expectations			
Discussion:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee discussed several HAVA grant requirements as outlined in the completed HAVA application. ➤ Two main area shortfalls: Mass Mailing & On-Site Election Day Polling Location Surveys ➤ Mass Mailing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee has decided to approach DHS, Special Needs Registry & RICDHH for mailing/ email contacts to reach as many people with disabilities as possible. ○ Mailing will: increase the disability vote, educate people with 			

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	<p>disabilities on voter rights, enhance voter registration & recruit poll workers. Mailing will include resources, dates and deadlines for registration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ K. Bowden & R. Carmody to create flyer and cover letter for mailing ○ C.DeGrave to gather agency mailing lists- email and regular mail ○ Steve Florio: Idea to create a website or to post the above flyer (PDF) on several agencies websites for exposure. <p>➤ <i>Election Day- Polling Location Surveys</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Polling location surveys did identify several accessibility barriers in the past. ○ Election day polling location surveys deemed useful and effective ○ C. DeGrave to revise and update the existing polling location survey form. 		
 <p>voting check off graphic</p>	<p>MOTION: To execute mass mailing of flyer immediately and delegate tasks as above mentioned.</p> <p>Motion by: S. Florio, Seconded by: K. Bowden : Vote Unanimous</p> <p>MOTION: To revise and update the election day polling location survey form.</p> <p>Motion by: K. Bowden, Seconded by: J. Lawlor : Vote Unanimous</p>		
 <p>poll worker graphic</p>	<p>Poll Workers w/ Disabilities: Recruitment</p>	<p>Rory Carmody & Kate Bowden</p>	<p>10:00</p>
	<p>Purpose/Goal: To increase number of polls workers with disabilities, provide detailed training (job requirements, expectations)</p> <hr/> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee discussed several methods to recruit poll-workers with disabilities. ➤ Several interested individuals in training ➤ Recruitment to continue at RIGCD public forums with hopes to recruit total of 10-12 patrons for Warwick/ Providence/ Cranston area polls. ➤ Available poll worker job descriptions and job qualifications to be requested from B. Rapoza (BOE) to better aide in job placement. ➤ Committee to assist in consultation/ training after recruitment with individuals based on job selection, availability and job qualifications. 		

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 <small>polling place graphic</small>	Polling Location Survey/ Next Steps	Chris DeGrave	10:15
<p>Purpose/Goal: To discuss potential future actions and put plan of action into place to ensure access for November elections.</p> <hr/> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee discussed several recently surveyed locations including locations in South Kingstown & Bristol. ➤ Two more accessibility surveys to be conducted with BOE on 7/23/10 in E. Providence & Middletown, RI. ➤ Surveys of locations to continue with BOE- Reminders of funding availability for accessibility modifications to be made. ➤ Most issues identified within the parking lot and accessible route to the entrance. (Accessible Parking, Signage, Ramps, ect.) ➤ Request by committee member to re-survey Martin Luther King Jr. School in Providence, RI – Has been identified as a problem location of accessibility in the future. ***Request to BOE for resurvey. 			
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	MOTION: NONE		
 <small>RIDVP logo</small>	RI Disability Vote Project Update	Jean Lawlor	10:30
<p>Purpose/Goal: Update on Convention Events & Discuss Next Steps</p> <hr/> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee discussed upcoming (7-23-10) Anniversary of the ADA Celebration at the RI Department of Administration ➤ Involvement by RIDVP in the event- Hoping for a good turnout. ➤ J. Lawlor continues to work hard in developing a strategy for increasing the disability vote through training, advocacy and awareness of voter rights. 			
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 Announcer graphic	Announcements	Rory Carmody/ Chris DeGrave/ Bob Cooper	10:40

Discussion:

➤ **Vote Here Signs**

- Special request made by R. Rapoza from the RI Board of Elections. Request for funding support to purchase 900 "Vote HERE" signs for the 541 polling places in RI to be used for the 2010 elections.
- Committee discussed several signage options and had some concerns about the previous purchase of signage.
- Committee interested in signage as long as symbol of accessibility is properly displayed.

➤ **Global Waiver Announcement & Future Elected Officials**

- Special announcement made by B. Cooper concerning the global healthcare waiver.
- Currently recertifying individuals who are currently requesting services of the government.
- Many individuals are no longer qualifying for services due to changes in regulations and requirements.
- Shift in conversation/ discussion to future elected leaders in RI and monumental changes.
- Discussed ideas concerning gubernatorial candidates and ways to link candidates and consumers in the disability community
- Several ideas included:
 - Taped television segments highlighting all candidates (ability to discuss disability related services and concerns) – Possibly use HAVA funding to caption all taped shows. (TBD)
 - Candidate awareness forums to link community to candidate (Question & Answer Sessions) - Use forum to display voting equipment, register people to vote, meet the candidates, ect.



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MOTION: To purchase 900 "Vote Here" Signs displaying the universal symbol of accessibility for the 2010 Election sites. Purchase price to not exceed \$5,000.00.

Motion by: S. Florio, Seconded by: K. Bowden : Vote Unanimous

 calendar graphic	Agenda and Next Meeting	Rory Carmody	11:10
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Next meeting will be on: **Thursday, August 26th, 2010 @ 930am**

	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
 <small>alarm clock graphic</small>	Adjournment	Rory Carmody	11:15
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	MOTION: For committee to adjourn. Motion by: K. Bowden, Seconded by: J. Lawlor : Vote Unanimous Adjournment @ 11:15.		