



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 Meeting Agenda

**August 25th, 2011 2-3:30pm**

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 Attendees:	Rory Carmody, Casey Gartland, Grace Pires, Regina Connor, Lorna Ricci
Absent:	Leo Canuel, Michelle Hayes, Steven Florio, Kate Bowden, Arthur Plitt, Miguel Nunez, Robert Rapoza
Guests:	None
Staff:	Bob Cooper, Harvey Salvas, Christopher DeGrave

	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
 Clock graphic	<b>Call to Order, Acceptance of the Minutes, Vice-Chair Nominations &amp; Vote</b>	Rory Carmody, Chairperson	<b>2:00</b>
Chair calls the meeting to order at 2:05 Introductions of All Committee Members, Staff & Guests <b>MOTION: (1) To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented/ revised.</b> <b>Motion by: Lorna Ricci, Seconded by: Regina Connor</b> <b>Vote Passes: Unanimous</b>			

Action Items:			
 money graphic	HAVA Grant/ Budget Update & Performance Management Initiative	Bob Cooper	
<b>Purpose/Goal:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Discuss and review HAVA grant activities &amp; budget update</li> <li>➤ Grant Award \$ Update</li> <li>➤ Introduction / Review of Performance Management Initiatives</li> </ul>			
<b>Committee Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Discussion of current funding issues and budget in future.</li> <li>➤ President has requested no additional funds for the HAVA Grant at this time.</li> <li>➤ Moneys from HAVA must be expended (5yrs) from receipt. 100k per</li> </ul>			

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	<p>year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Slight possibility of rescission of funds previously awarded- highly unlikely but possible due to lack of federal dollars &amp; budget crisis.</li> <li>➤ Some operational alterations/ shifts may be needed on HAVA/ Committee work due to budget and RIDVP staff changes. More to follow.</li> </ul> <p><u>Performance Management Initiatives- Workshop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Committee worked on the Performance Management Initiatives questionnaire and revised as necessary (see attached copy) to best reflect the workings of our specific committee and its priorities.</li> <li>➤ Committee must continue to meet all grant requirements <u>BUT</u> must prioritize work and redefine committee mission for largest impact.</li> <li>➤ As a committee we must review, revise and update priorities and goals to achieve our mission of equal access for voting for all.</li> <li>➤ Major priorities of : polling place accessibility, voter registration, accessible equipment &amp; use, voter training</li> </ul>		
 <p>voting check off graphic</p>	<p><b><i>MOTION: To approve the Election Committee Performance Management Initiatives as revised/ edited to be submitted to the Executive Committee for further review.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Motion by: Casey Gartland , Seconded by: Lorna Ricci</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Vote Passes: Unanimous</i></b></p>		
 <p>poll worker graphic</p>	<p>Voter I.D. Bill Discussion/ Update</p>	<p>Rory Carmody</p>	
	<p>Purpose/Goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To discuss current update on Voter I.D. legislation of 2011</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>Committee Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New Voter ID Bill is in place for new election season.</li> <li>➤ 2 phases of implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Phase 1- ID or some type of utility/ phone/ rent bill w/ name and home address (2012)</li> <li>○ Phase 2- State Issued ID w/ Photo (2014)</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Conglomeration among RIDVP, RIGCD Election Committee &amp; other agencies to come up with strategy to make people aware of what is accepted for ID and ways to attain.</li> </ul>		
 <p>voting check off graphic</p>	<p><b><i>Potential MOTION: No motion.</i></b></p>		

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 <p>poll worker graphic</p>	Polling Place Re-Districting & Consolidation Update	Christopher DeGrave & Rory Carmody	

Purpose/Goal:

- To discuss the latest information on polling place redistricting & consolidation
- To discuss fire department use as polling places and make other recommendations as a committee.

Committee Discussion:

- R.I. Senate bill # 0924- Bill creates a study commission to draft and report on the reapportionment of voting districts throughout the State of Rhode Island.
- Low likelihood of district establishment/ modification final approval prior to May 2012. Enabling legislation for reapportionment- historically in June of the election year.
- Delayed timeline raises issues of spending HAVA funding on polling place modifications as well as time constraints for actual modifications/ installations.
- R.I. House Bill #4804- Bill increases the number of voters to 4,000 per polling location. Bill passage could reduce number of polling places from 541 to under 400. **(BILL DID NOT PASS)**
- Fire departments and other polling locations with years of polling accessibility issues would be the first to be eliminated as such.



**MOTION: No motions.**

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 <p>polling place graphic</p>	Polling Place Accessibility: Latest Projects & EAC Next Steps <i>***Curtis Corner Elevator Project</i>	Christopher DeGrave & Rory Carmody	
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Purpose/Goal:

- Discuss/ Review Potential HAVA Projects: Polling Place Signage/ Parking Signage
- Discuss funding support & purchasing next steps- Proactive Purchases (Equipment/ Training/ Ect.)
- Town of South Kingstown BOC- Lift Request – Bid Information Received & Awarded

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<p>Committee Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Discussion of HAVA funding and spending with concern of redistricting and elimination of polling locations.</li> <li>➤ Proactive equipment purchase for accessibility equipment for dispersion will be discussed @ next meeting. Permanent "Polling Place- VOTE HERE" Signage for all towns discussed.</li> <li>➤ Committee discussion/ B.Cooper requests that all projects in future become "contracts" indicating lack of use as a polling place after modification would make municipality liable to reimburse the state.</li> <li>➤ ***Update*** South Kingstown Lift Discussion- Application for polling place modification grant received from the Town of South Kingstown for a lift install at the Curtis Corner Middle School. (Bids received) Contracted awarded for a maximum total of \$ 15,700 for future reimbursement. B. Cooper revising contract w/ DOA legal- to be sent and signed.</li> </ul>			
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p><b>MOTION: No motions.</b></p> </div> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;">voting check off graphic</p>			
 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin-top: 2px;">RIDVP logo</p>	<p>RI Disability Vote Project Update &amp; Next Steps</p>	<p>Rory Carmody</p>	
<p>Purpose/Goal: Update on events &amp; discuss next steps for the RIDVP.</p>			
<p>Committee Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A few staffing changes within the RIDVP</li> <li>➤ Future discussion on RIDVP project role and funding to follow.</li> </ul>			
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 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin-top: 2px;">Announcer graphic</p>	<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Rory Carmody</p>	<p>10:50</p>
	<p style="background-color: yellow;">No announcements at this time.</p>		
 <p style="font-size: x-small; margin-top: 2px;">calendar graphic</p>	<p>Agenda and Meeting Scheduling</p>	<p>Rory Carmody</p>	<p>10:55</p>
<p>Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda:  <b><i>None at this time... Future agenda email to be sent...</i></b></p>			

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Next meeting will be on: TBA			
 <small>alarm clock graphic</small>	Adjournment	Rory Carmody	11:00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <small>voting check off graphic</small>	<p><b><u>MOTION: To adjourn</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Motion by: Grace Pires , Seconded by: Casey Gartland</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Vote Passes: Unanimous</u></b></p>		