



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 Minutes

Tuesday, July 17th, 2012 2-3:30pm

*****Special Meeting w/ RI Secretary of States Office *****

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 Attendees:	Chris Butler, , Kate Bowden, Casey Gartland, Grace Pires, Regina Connor, Arthur Plitt, Lorna Ricci, Rory Carmody
Guests:	Rob Rock(SOS) , Chris Barnett (SOS)
Staff:	Bob Cooper, Christine Rancourt Bruzzi, Christopher DeGrave, Alyssa Sarault

	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
 Clock graphic	Call to Order & Acceptance of the Minutes	Rory Carmody, Chairperson	2:00

Chair calls the meeting to order at: 2:05pm

Introductions of All Committee Members, Staff & Guests

MOTION: (1) To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented/ revised.

Motion by: Lorna Ricci

Seconded by: Arthur Plitt

Motion Passes.

Action Items:			
 poll worker graphic	Voter ID & Accessible Elections	Rory Carmody/ Rob Rock (RI Office of the Secretary of State)	

Purpose/Goal:

- Special Meeting w/ Rob Rock of the RI Office of the Secretary of State concerning accessible elections, voter ID and voting rights.
- Inter-Agency Coordination, Networking & Standardization of Effort
- Questions for discussion as compiled: (See Below)

SOS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Outreach Effort

1) Please provide a copy of any educational materials that have been developed for voters about the voter ID law and process. ***Documents presented off the website... see address below for documents to print.*** <http://www.sos.ri.gov/elections/voterid/> ***Additionally, see the: "how to register & vote guide 2012"***

2) How and where have these materials been distributed? ***Handouts are distributed***

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	<p><i>statewide at outreach locations. These locations are posted on the website and frequently updated.</i></p> <p>3) How many copies of each of these documents have been distributed? <i>No numbers at this time.</i></p> <p>4) What is the education plan for the remainder of 2012, for 2013, and for 2014? Does the SOS' education plan include outreach events and/or mailings? <i>Continue public outreach, print publications, public events, sponsorships, advertising, social media, networking, press releases.</i></p> <p>5) Has the SOS sought the involvement of candidates regarding educating voters about the new voter ID requirements? <i>Voter ID information contained within the "How to run for office guide 2012" as well as other printed flyers, information distributed to candidates.</i></p> <p><u><i>Voter ID</i></u></p> <p>1) How many dates does the SOS have planned for providing voter IDs in the community in 2012, 2013 and 2014? <i>Close to 100% of communities have been visited by voter ID outreach team. Planning to re-visit all towns at least once in future prior to the November election. Schedule of locations posted on SOS website, found here... http://www.sos.ri.gov/elections/voterid/schedule/</i></p> <p>2) What are the timelines and plans for publicizing voter ID requirements for the September Primaries & the General Election in 2012? Will this publicity target particular areas or locations? If so, which areas/locations will be targeted? <i>Use of RIGCD committee and other partnering network agencies to assist in outreach planning/ strategies. Continue community-base approach.</i></p> <p>3) How many voter IDs have been issued to date? <i>Approximately 500 and counting.</i></p> <p>4) How many people voted in the 2012 Presidential Primary in Rhode Island? <i>Approximately 25,000 (about 4%)</i></p> <p>5) Among these voters, how many voted provisionally because of not having the required ID? Among the provisional ballots cast due to the lack of the required voter ID, how many were counted? <i>BOE/ SOS had 30 minor issues with voter ID, most voted provisionally without issue. 1 signature did not match, ballot was rejected.</i></p> <p>6) Did SOS receive any complaints/issues that the voter ID requirement was a barrier to voting? If so, how many? And, were any of the complaints resolved in time so that the voter was able to vote and have his/her vote counted? <i>No major reports of any voter ID issues being barriers to voting.</i></p> <p><u><i>Access</i></u></p> <p>1) Would the Secretary of State's Office be willing to distribute information concerning accessible elections at the free voter ID events and or on its website? <i>Indeed. Many links already lead to accessible voting and ID information. Look forward to working with RIGCD in the future to create additional publications.</i></p> <p><u><i>Coordination of Efforts</i></u></p> <p>1) Would the Secretary of State's Office be willing to explore coordinating efforts in a media/ ad campaign for accessible elections and voter ID? <i>Indeed. Christopher DeGrave will be working with the SOS Rob Rock to coordinate outreach/ networking efforts in the future.</i></p>		

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 voting check off graphic	<i>MOTION: No motions at this time.</i>		
 polling place graphic	Polling Place Accessibility	Rory Carmody & Christopher DeGrave	
<p>Purpose/Goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Disability Parking Sign Campaign ➤ 2012 Polling Place Inspections (Pre-Inspections, Election Day Inspections) ➤ 2012 Hanaway Fellow Update/ Inspection Progress <hr/> <p>Committee Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samantha Collins, the 2012 Hanaway Fellow has inspected over 75 polling places that have had minor accessibility concerns in the past. • Many accessibility issues resolved, some continue to exist. RIGCD will be resolving with the BOE and local boards of canvassers. Her efforts have been noticed and truly appreciated. Great Job! 			
 voting check off graphic	<i>MOTION: No motions at this time.</i>		
 RIDVP logo	RI Disability Vote Project Update & Next Steps	Rory Carmody	
<p>Purpose/Goal: Update on events & discuss next steps for the RIDVP.</p> <hr/> <p>Committee Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPN-RI will be hosting 2012 candidate forums statewide... more information to follow. • RIDVP continuing outreach and public awareness activities. 			
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 Announcer graphic	Announcements	Rory Carmody	3:15
	<i>No announcements at this time.</i>		

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 calendar graphic	Agenda and Meeting Scheduling	Rory Carmody	3:25
<p>Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda: <i>Strategic Planning Meeting</i></p>			
<p>Next meeting will be on: August 16th, 2012 @ 2pm</p>			
 alarm clock graphic	Adjournment	Rory Carmody	3:30
 voting check off graphic	<p>MOTION: (1) To adjourn. Motion by: Casey Gartland Seconded by: Arthur Plitt</p>		