

# Minutes



## ACCESSIBILITY WORKING GROUP, LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON  
DISABILITIES

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**ATTENDANCE:** Paul Choquette, convener; Dori Blacker & Kate McCarthy-Barnett

### MINUTES

**1.** Introductions Paul Choquette, Convienier

Paul Choquette convened the meeting at 10:00 AM

**2.** Review of the Public Forum Testimony

Members of the working group reviewed the testimony and discussed possible concerns and recommendations.

**3.** Development of Concerns and Recommendations

**MOTION:** To recommend the following to the Legislation Committee:

Themes/Findings	Recommendation	Testimony on Pages
Public and non-public Housing inaccessible to people with MCS	Investigate several options including: Training for Property managers specific to MCS Attempt to utilize portion of the bond funds (if passed) to construct housing more accessible for people with MCS	4, 31, 58, 67
Lack of accessible housing	Bond Referendum #9	10
Lack of Accessible bathrooms at Zambarano	Assist Patients for Progress in their advocacy efforts?	15
Handicapped Parking placard difficulty (tests??)	Determine if there has been any change in policy at the Registry in terms of applications and/or renewals of parking placards	41
Lack of sensitivity to D/HOH from police	CDHH training to Police Departments	54
Public Buildings/Institutions inaccessible for people with MCS	Re-introduce last years legislation on minimal MCS accessibility guidelines	59, 68
Lack of Automated doors at medical facilities	GCD outreach regarding accessibility complaint process.	62, 67

Kate McCarthy-Barnett/Dori Blacker passed unanimously

Adjourned 12:00 PM