



Governor's Commission on Disabilities' Legislation Committee

Monday September 21, 2009 3 – 4:30 PM

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Attendees:	Timothy Flynn (Chair.); Kate McCarthy-Barnett (Vice Chair.); Jeanne Behie; Sharon Brinkworth; Rosemary C. Carmody; Linda Deschenes; William R. Inlow; Laura Jones; Arthur M. Plitt; Gwendolyn Reeve; & Linda Ward
Absent:	Raymond Bandusky; Elaina Goldstein; Liberty Goodwin; Paula Parker; Rev. Gerard O. Sabourin; & Janet Spinelli

----- Minutes -----

Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Tim Flynn Chairperson	5 min.
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Introductions: Chair called the meeting to order at 3:11 PM

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented LD/RC passed unanimously

Action Items:	Discussion Leader:	Time:
1. Review of Public Forums	Committee Members	

Discussion: There were 26 sponsoring agencies for this year's forums

Location	Time of Day	Use Next Year?
Monday July 27 Barrington Public Library's Gallery Room	1:30 – 3 pm	Good location, smaller audience
Monday July 27 RI Department of Administration's 2 nd floor Conference Room A	4 – 6 pm	Moderate turnout, try another location in Providence – Rochambeau Library, John Hope Settlement House
Tuesday July 28 Warwick Public Library's Community Room	3 – 5 pm	Smaller audience
Wednesday July 29 Neighborhood Guild, Wakefield	4 to 6 pm	Not air conditioned, had an outside lift, better turnout – find another Wakefield location – Peacedale Library?
Thursday July 30 Cumberland Public Library's Hayden Center Rooms 1 & 2	10 am – Noon	Well attended, location & facilities were fine
Thursday July 30 Middletown Public Library's Community Room	3 – 5 pm	Good location, do room setup, key for restrooms at front desk, well attended the room was full

Advertisements:	
Hometown Newspapers ¹	\$956.60

¹ The Narragansett Times; The Standard Times; The Chariho Times; The East Greenwich Pendulum; The Coventry Courier; Kent County Daily

Newport Daily News + NE & SC Independence	\$660.00
Providence American	\$680.00
Providence en Espanol	\$660.00
Providence Journal	Did not use
RI Newspaper Group ²	\$1,535.00
Westerly Sun	\$200.00
Woonsocket Call	\$445.60
Woonsocket Call for Pawtucket Times	\$434.20
Advertising Total	\$5,571.40
Real-Time Captioning	\$1,960.00
Payments Made	(\$7,531.40)
Pledges Received	\$6,250.00
Indirect charge	(\$625.00)
Balance	\$53.60

Discussion: We didn't use the Pro Jo this year. Did this affect the turnout? We would have needed another \$1,700 in pledges.

The members decided that not using the Pro Jo did not seem to affect the turnout.

Members didn't see as many email notices as in the past. Recommend putting schedule on their websites, etc. Trying to get it on city and town community bulletin board. Ask the Sec of State to include the schedule on his email notice of upcoming events. Placement in agency newsletters. Distribution on the Ride vans. Advertisement on the outside of the RIPTA. Create a working group early spring to start planning and outreach. Check out corporate sponsorship for publicizing.

2. Establishing Public Forum Testimony Working Groups		Committee Members	
Work Groups	Convener	Members	
Accessibility	Kate McCB	Linda D., Mon. Sabourin,	
Employment	Elaina G.	Linda W., Linda D., Rory C, Jean B., Arthur P.	
Health Care	Laura Jones	Deb. G (DOH), Jeanne B., Arthur P. Sharon B., Janet S., Ken P. (NHCRI), P. Cooper (UHC)	
Housing	Linda Ward	Liberty G., Paula P., R.Banduski	
Transportation	Tim Flynn	Bill Inlow, Gwen Reeve, Ken P. (NHCRI)	
Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings		Chairperson	5 min.
Next meeting will focus on prioritizing the concerns and recommendations and making recommendations for the Commission's 2010 Legislative Package			
Next meeting will be on:	Monday October 19, 2009	Starting at: 3 PM	
Adjournment:	Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:10 PM		
Resource persons:	Bob Cooper, Committee Staff		

² Barrington Times (Wed.); Bristol Phoenix (Thurs.); Chariho Times (Thurs.); Coventry Courier (Fri.); Cranston Herald (Thurs.); East Greenwich Pendulum (Thurs.); Johnston Sun Rise (Thurs.); Lincoln/Cumberland Valley Breeze (Thurs.); Narragansett Times (Wed., Fri.*); Newport This Week; The News (Thurs.); N. Kingstown Standard-Times (Thurs.); N. Providence North Star (Thurs.); N. Smithfield/Blackstone/Woonsocket Valley Breeze (Thurs.); The Observer (Thurs.); Sakonnet Times (Thurs.); Somerset Spectator (Wed.); Warren Times Gazette (Wed.); & Warwick Beacon (Tues., Thurs.*)