



Governor's Commission on Disabilities

Legislation Committee

Monday, August 17, 2015 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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Attendees: Linda Ward (Chair.); Jack Ringland (Vice Chair.); *Rosemary C. Carmody*; Regina Connor; Heather Daglieri; Linda Deschenes; *Timothy Flynn*; Barbara Henry; Kathleen Heren; *William R. Inlow*; *Msgr. Gerard O. Sabourin*; *Meredith Sheehan*; Angelina Stabile; & *Dawn Wardyga*

Absentees: Casey Gartland; Arthur M. Plitt;

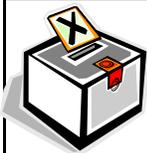
Guests: Colleen Polselli (Health)

Staff: Bob Cooper, Raffi Jansezian (GCD Fellow)



3:00 Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes, Linda Ward, Chair

Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:06 PM
Introductions of Commissioners and guests



MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as *presented*

Motion moved by RC, seconded by AS, *passed unanimously*

Action Items:



3:05 2015 Legislative Package, Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary

Purpose/Goal: To review the final status of the Commission's legislative package

	Tally	# Commented on	Successful Outcome	
Commission Supported		2	0	0%
Commission Opposed		4	2	50%
Beneficial		30	6	20%
Beneficial if amended		11	0 amended	0%
Harmful		13	13	100%
Was harmful, but amended		2	2	100%
Total		62	23	37%

Discussion: See attached 2015 Legislation Committee Report

3:30 Testimony from the Public Forums on the Concerns of People with Disabilities and their Families, Raffi Jansezian, Fellow

Purpose/Goal: To review the logistics of the 2015 Public Forums and create working groups to review the transcripts and prepare recommendations

Location	# of Participants	Comments
<p>Monday, July 27, 2015 from 3:45 - 5:45 South Providence Library 441 Prairie Avenue, Providence Hosted by Perspectives Corporation</p>	<p>2 speakers, 4 audience, 5 panelists, CART, 2 Spanish & 1 ASL interpreters</p>	<p>Find new location rushed closing by 6 PM. Try Providence Community Health Center, starting around 6 PM,</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 2 - 4 Warwick Public Library 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick Hosted by the Ocean State Center for Independent Living</p>	<p>10-12 speakers, 20 audience, 5-6 panelists, CART, 2 ASL interpreters</p>	<p>Move to 3 to 5 PM</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 4 - 6 Peace Dale Library 1057 Kingstown Rd, Peace Dale Hosted by National Multiple Sclerosis Society RI Chapter</p>	<p>9 speakers, 17 audience, 8 panelists, CART, 1 ASL</p>	<p>Find new location, room very narrow, limited parking Try South Kingstown Town Hall or Senior Center</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 29, 2015, from 4 - 6 Middletown Public Library 700 West Main Rd, Middletown Hosted by Opportunities Unlimited For People With Differing Abilities</p>	<p>15 speakers, 17 audience, 6 panelists, CART, 1 ASL</p>	<p>Great location, on bus line, parking excellent</p>
<p>Thursday, July 30, 2015, from 1:30 - 3:30 Zambarano Unit, Eleanor Slater Hospital 2090 Wallum Lake Rd, Pascoag Hosted by Zambarano Unit, Eleanor Slater Hospital</p>	<p>7 speakers, 19 audience, 8 panelists, CART, 2 ASL interpreters</p>	<p>Difficult hearing in auditorium, find other room - try the library or chapel</p>
<p>Thursday, July 30, 2015, from 4 - 6 Woonsocket Harris Public Library 303 Clinton St, Woonsocket Hosted by RI Department of Health</p>	<p>5-6 speakers, 12 audience, __ panelist CART, 1 ASL interpreter</p>	<p>Difficulty hearing</p>
<p>Friday, July 31, 2015, from 2:45 - 4:45 East Providence Public Library 41 Grove Ave, East Providence Hosted by RI Statewide Independent Living Council and National Federation of the Blind of RI</p>	<p>5-6 speakers, 14 audience, 7 panelists, CART, 1 ASL interpreter</p>	<p>Closes at 5 PM Try using the Bristol Library or location in Warren</p>
<p>General comments Need to reserve the rooms for 2 ½ hours to allow 15 minute set up and breakdown before & after announced time.</p>		
<p>WI-FI Free Forum Either Thursday August 20th 4-6 Cold Spring Community Center 36 Beach St., North Kingstown</p>	<p>Need panelists ORS, DoH, Angie S.,</p>	

Working Groups	# of Entries¹	Members
Accessibility	15	Carmen B. & Colleen P. (DoH), Jack R., Arthur P.
Independent Living	26	Linda D., Jack R., Angie S., Regina C.,
Transportation	17	Regina C., Angie S., Marc M. (RIDOT)*, Rory C.*
	Discussion: The working groups will try to meet in August and early September. * Tentative	
	<i>4:10 Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 & 2017, Bob Cooper</i>	
	Purpose/Goal: To review the 2015 - 2016 Strategic Plan and prepare recommendations for FY 2016 & 2017	
	Discussion: See attached 2015 - 2016 Strategic Plan Fill in	
	MOTION: To recommend retaining the FY 15 & 16 Strategic Plan provisions for the FY 2016 & 2017 Strategic Plan Motion moved by AS, seconded by RCo, passed unanimously	
	<i>4:25 Agenda for the Next Meeting, Linda Ward</i>	
	Purpose/Goal: To set the agenda for the next meeting.	
	Discussion: The Legislation Committee meetings in 2015 will be on the 1 st Monday 3 - 4:30 PM: 09/21 st ; and 12/07 th .	
	<i>4:30 Adjournment, Linda Ward</i>	
	Potential MOTION: To adjourn at 4:10 PM Motion moved by JR, seconded by AS, passed unanimously	

¹ Only half the transcripts have been reviewed (by 8/11/15)