



Governor's Commission on Disabilities

50th Anniversary Planning Committee

Thursday February 21, 2007 3:30 - 5 PM

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Attendees:	Paul Choquette (Chair); Richard Hite & Arthur M. Plitt;	
Excused:	Vivian Balcom; Mark Brodeur; Deborah Garneau; Kate McCarthy-Barnett; Robert McCutcheon; Lisa C. McKay; Ronald C. McMinn; Patricia Platt; Randall Rosenbaum; Patricia Ryherd; Susan Shepardson; & Sarah Zurier	
----- Minutes -----		
Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Paul Choquette, Chairperson	5 min.
The Meeting was called to order at 3:37 PM by the Chairperson		
MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, AP/RH, passed unanimously		
Action Items:	Discussion Leader:	Time:
1. Review of Scheduled Activities and Unresolved Issues		60 min.
<p>The Chairperson reviewed and the Committee discussed the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disability Film Screening: The film "Murderball" will be shown on March 28 at RI College, Sapinsley Hall 6:30 PM. RI Dept. of Health will fund this event as a Disability awareness activity. The decision was made not to charge admission so as not to limit attendance. It was decided that the level of effort required to bring in Keith Cavill, one of the individuals featured in the film for a Question and Answer session was beyond what could be accomplished due to the lack of staff support available. Instead local resources will be utilized (P. Choquette and K. McCarthy-Barnett) to provide an introduction prior to the showing and then lead a question and answer session at the end of the film. Discussion ensued on weather to have food and drinks available at the event due to several issues 1. They would not be allowed in the theater itself, only in the lobby. 2. There would be no intermission once the program started (the film itself is 86 minutes long). More information will be requested from RIC. The event will be publicized through RIC and other local colleges, universities, etc. A press release and advertising flyer will be developed. 2. The Sports and Recreation event will now be collaboration between Access2Adventure and the National Disability Sports Alliance and will take place on May 12 at RI College. By collaborating with NDSA the potential audience and the number of available activates as well as the potential audience. A2A and NDSA are conducting a site visit on 2/22/07. The type of events offered will depend on the facilities available. City Year is interested in providing volunteer 		

support as part of a program they have for middle school students. The GCD will provide Disability Awareness training to the City Year volunteers as part of this event. CVS had requested the budget for the event to determine if they could provide support. No response as of 2/21/07. This event will require the support of CVS (or another sponsor) to go forward. Publicity of this event will also need to be done.

3. Home Modification Workshop- The Ocean State Center for Independent Living has offered to coordinate a home modification assistive technology workshop. Date and site is unknown at this time, but it is planned for the month of April. It is also not known what type of support that they will need for this event. P. Choquette will follow up.
4. An additional accessibility workshop for Architects is being planned by the GCD, utilizing grant funds from another source which also allows staff time to be utilized in the planning. Date and time TBA.

	Items to be accomplished before the next meeting:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
A	Members of the committee were asked to utilize their individual networks to help publicize the events. Another meeting should take place prior to the Film Screening.		
Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings		Paul Choquette	5 min.
Next meeting will be on:	Thursday March 22, 2007	Starting at: 3:30 PM	
Adjournment:	Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:35 PM		