



Governor's Commission
on Disabilities
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50th Anniversary Planning Committee

Thursday March 22, 2007 3:30 - 5 PM

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Secretary:

Attendees: Vivian Balcom; Richard Hite; Kate McCarthy-Barnett, EdD; Ronald McMinn; Lisa McKay; Arthur

Excused: Paul Choquette (chair)

Minutes

1 Call to Order, Introductions and Acceptance of Minutes

**Kate McCarthy-Barnett,
Acting Chairperson**

Discussion: Call to order at 3: PM.

Potential MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, RM/RH, passed unanimously

2 Review of Scheduled Activities and Unresolved Issues

Kate McCarthy-Barnett

The Acting Chairperson reviewed and the Committee discussed the following issues:

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. P. Choquette and K. McCarthy-Barnett met with RIC Student Activities and they have agreed to donate the time and materials for the following: development of banner to be posted in the student dining area; development of a flyer for distribution; posting of the event on the electronic bulletin board; e-mail distribution of the flyer to RIC students and faculty. In addition, P. Choquette and K. McCarthy-Barnett met with Disability Services at RIC and they will post materials on the RI website and provide outreach to the Changing the Culture classes as well as assist on the evening of the film. P. Choquette

was interviewed for an article in the RIC student paper: The Anchor. The committee provided suggestions for pr including newspaper an e-mail. The logistics for the evening including the technical support and food for the reception are set. K. McCarthy-Barnett will follow-up with the contacts prior to the event. Deb Garneau (DOH) and Ann Roccio (RIC) have agreed to provide welcoming remarks and the RIC Women's Rugby Team will serve as greeters.

2. The Sports and Recreation event (collaboration between Access2Adventure and the National Disability Sports Alliance) is on schedule for May 12th at RI College. City Year is still 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 and this was submitted (total budget: 5,750.00). K. McCarthy-Barnett will follow-up on the status of the support from CVS.
3. Home Modification Workshop- The Ocean State Center for Independent Living is coordinating 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. K. McCarthy-Barnett will follow up.
4. The Committee reviewed the status of the remainder of events previously scheduled. A letter canceling John Hockenberry was sent. K. McCarthy-Barnett will follow-up on the status of any other agreements pending and send a note of cancellation.

3 Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings

Kate McCarthy-Barnett

Discussion: Members of the committee were asked to assist with the publicizing of the events and volunteer on the evening of Murderball.

Adjournment at: Acting Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM