

Disabilities Advisory Commission Minutes

July 13, 2015

Present: Zach Wood, John Teumer, Vern Richardson, Chris Kanowitz

Other in attendance: Christina Cornelison-Spight for Bettie Greenberg, Dawn Zaker (ARC)

Meeting Called to Order: 6:02 p.m.

Minutes: Zach W. moved to approve the minutes; Chris K. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Reports: No Reports.

Tasks:

Outreach: Vern attended a meeting for the Senior Advisory Board. He found it interesting and was inspired by the impact and variety of that Board. He discussed the various SAB projects that and the opportunities for DAC to take advantage of, such as the Walkability project with AARP and PFAC. This event is scheduled for Sept. 28-29, 2015. Vern emphasized that there is a great opportunity for bridge-building with SAB

Disabilities Awareness Events: Chris and B.J will staff a booth at the Phamaly event at the Rialto Theatre on July 28th. Chris will pick up some brochures and business cards to have available at the event.

Christina reported that the Barrier Day with Public Works will happen in the fall. The date is not set at this time.

Educating DAC Members: Members offered suggestions for training in the areas of DORA, People 1st of Larimer County, and the Loveland Housing Authority. Scheduling will be something for future meetings.

Update the DAC website/brochure: A draft version of the brochure was reviewed and additional changes were made. A temporary version will be used for the Phamaly event. The working draft will be reviewed at the next meeting when more board members are present. Specific content still needs to be verified, especially regarding any web links and phone numbers. Christina will email the draft to members for review.

The website resource links also need to be reviewed for accuracy and redundancy. Ideas for the website improvement included: how to complain properly – ways to funnel inquires without something being a formal grievance; look at some of the biggest barriers and use that as a basis for formulating some sample FAQ's such as:

- My mother is _____, where can I go?

- My child has _____, who can help?
- I am a caregiver for a person with _____, where are resources for _____

A section on how to volunteer/advocate needs to be included. Another idea was to look at rehabilitation facilities and find out what resources or support groups they might offer.

Business card drafts were reviewed and one version was selected. This version will be printed up and made available for the next meeting.

Other Business

Adjournment: Zach moved to adjourn; John T. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Adjourned: 07:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christina Cornelison-Spight

For Bettie Greenberg, Secretary