

Disabilities Advisory Commission Minutes November 9, 2015

Present: Zach Wood, John Teumer, Chris Kanowitz, John Suess, Taylor Summer, B.J. Michels, Dave McDanel, and Bettie Greenberg

Others Present: Dawn Choate-Sakes, Arc of Larimer County

Absent: Vern Richardson and Karlee Keller

Meeting Called to Order: 6:05 p.m.

Minutes: B.J. moved to approve the minutes; John T. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Liaison Reports

DRS Report: Dave reported that there is now a 1.5 hour wait time at the Larimer County Human Services Department. He said that DRS is also seeing a lot of people that aren't making it and read an article about the murder of a client who lived in Pierce. Dave discussed other DRS services, such as an Employment Coordinator to help people find a job, programs for people with visual disabilities, the equipment loan closet, case managers, help with housing, and advocacy. DRS just received more money to help with housing, such as for security (up to about \$250). Finally, Dave reported that Loveland Homeless Connect is scheduled for November 24th.

City Staff: Bettie said that ADA Effective Communications training for agencies that receive grant money through the City was occurring November 16 in the Council Chambers. She also mentioned that the City was reviewing some of its facilities to help assure they meet current ADA standards. Zach said that he had translated “Abby Goes to the Farm” into Braille and sold it. Bettie will talk to the Library to see if they would be interested in a copy.

Tasks

Education/Outreach: Bettie reported that nobody from the Loveland Housing Authority could attend the meeting tonight, but they would try to be at the January meeting. Discussion ensued regarding that it’s disappointing how long it is taken to get someone to come to the meeting.

Disabilities Awareness Events: Discussed groups that need training, such as schools and COLT. Members need to plan on around 2-3 hours for an event. Discussion ensued regarding materials needed for training, e.g.; blind folds (Taylor has a good one). For schools, John and Zach said they will look into the school’s expectation for a training: the number of students, teachers, where to hold it; and logistics to hold it.

John S. said he had a meeting scheduled with the architect who is handling the City’s remodeling of the building where COLT is moving and the Fire and

Administration Building, which is where Planning and Building will be located.

Other

B.J. said that she attended a list a seminar that provided lists of places that provide discounts, which can be helpful to people with limited income. Many are tied to loyalty programs. She said she'd put together the information and distribute it to members.

December's meeting: B.J. moved to cancel December's meeting and gather for a social evening at the Pourhouse on December 13th. Zach seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

Adjournment: Zach moved to adjourn; B.J. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Adjourned: 07:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary