

Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Start Time: 12 p.m.

End Time: 1 p.m.

Location: City Hall 2nd Floor Small Conference Room

Purpose: Regular scheduled meeting

Attendance: Becca Wells, Nancy Kelsey, Eric Vetter, Lance Sigdestad, Tina Kenser, Nichole Nelson, Doris Stusiak

1. Standing Items

- 1.1 Any additions to agenda? Update on training for Aberdeen Police Department
- 1.2 Review and approve minutes from January 2020 Meeting
Minutes reviewed and motion made, seconded and minutes approved.
- 1.3 Review and approve Treasurer's reports for January 2020
No new expenditures so no need for approval.
- 1.4 Excused absence: Laura Stoltenburg, Gwyn Fischbach, Megan Neal, Allison Schmitt, Dawn Brush, Tom Wanttie, Dalita Meyer, Mendy Jones, Cindy Kirschman

2. Committee Reports

- 2.1 **BAD** – Becca Wells, Allison Schmitt, Doris Stusiak, Nancy Kelsey, Gwyn Fischbach
ASD/ADHD Station – With no one from BCS available to attend today's meeting, Megan Neal emailed the group a description of the proposed activity for ASD. The groups will be put through a sensory-overload obstacle course to replicate what a person with autism experiences.
LD/ID Station – Becca Wells explained three different activities that would simulate what it is like to have either an intellectual/cognitive disability or a learning disability. One activity involves the use of white boards with dry erase markers while another requires the use of mirrors.
Additional BAD Topics – The committee discussed designing and purchasing mini-discs to give to all BAD participants. The group also discussed other freebies such as backpacks. Becca Wells will check on the cost and availability of getting backpacks with our logo imprinted. Doris Stusiak will contact Mayor Schaunaman to ask him to welcome BAD participants and thank them for attending. Doris will also contact Dr. Cheryl Wold and Jessica Vogel at NSU about getting student volunteers through the SPED program and/or CEC group.
- 2.2 **Enhance Aberdeen** – Eric Vetter – No report
- 2.3 **Transportation** – Tom Wanttie – No report
- 2.4 **Education Enhancement Award** – Mendy Jones (Table Temporarily)
- 2.5 **NDEAM** – Laura Stoltenburg –
Becca Wells reported that "Think 3D" from Sioux Falls will provide a motivational program at this year's event. Being fairly local, that should keep costs somewhat lower.
- 2.6 **ADA Anniversary Celebration** – Eric Vetter
Eric emailed Aberdeen Community Theatre to see if they would be interested in doing a re-enactment of the signing of the ADA. ACT was intrigued and will check to see if they have open dates. The ADA planning committee will meet soon to start the process. It looks like Eric and Tom Wanttie will co-chair the event.

3. Old Business

- 3.1 Banners for Tabling – Tyler Goldade – No report
- 3.2 Business After Hours Wrap-up – Eric Vetter and Tina Kenser reported that attendance at the event was good and that people tended to stop longer and ask questions this year compared to previous years.
- 3.3 BAD Spending Suggestions – Shirts, Video (Doris Stusiak, Becca Wells)
Doris Stusiak reported on the quote for volunteer t-shirts from Geffdog. Motion made, seconded and approved to order 50 short-sleeve t-shirts per the quote in the same blue as the Mayor's Advisory shirts

with the Mayor's Advisory logo to be screen printed in all white in the upper left corner of each shirt with the number of each shirt size to be discussed with Geffdog and determined by that discussion. Doris Stusiak will place the order with Geffdog.

Becca Wells reported that she has tried to contact Dan Cleberg about preparing a video about BAD and other Mayor's Advisory events. She's had no response to date.

3.4 Accessibility Video – Eric Vetter

Eric reported that there has been some talk of still having a video produced, but he doesn't believe he'll be able to do anything about it until next winter.

4. New Business – no New Business

5. Review Upcoming Dates –

NAMI Family Support Group – 2nd Monday of month, 6:30-7:30, Fireside Room, Bethlehem Lutheran Church

NAMI Aberdeen Affiliate Meeting – 3rd Monday of month, 5:30 – 7:00, Location TBA

NAMI Connections Peer Support Group – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6:00-7:00, ARCC

NAMI Night – One (1) Saturday monthly, TBD

Barrier Awareness Day (B.A.D.) – April 17, 2020

6. Ending Items – Adjourn

7. Next Meeting – March 17, 2020