

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting Tuesday, April 24, 2007; 5:30 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair, David Mortimer, Cori Carvelli, Kristin Kiesel, Stephen Machnik, Sally Sack, Susan Stocker, Tess Zinnes

Absent:

Next meeting	Thursday, May 31, 2007, 5:30 PM, Sudbury Senior Center		
Issue	Discussion	Decisions/Questions	Next Steps
Welcome Sally Sack	Sally is scheduled to be approved for Commission membership this evening during the Selectmen's meeting. She is a nurse who has a son with CP now living in a group home in Watertown. Through advocacy for him, she has become skilled at advocating for people with disabilities, and has special interests in promoting job opportunities for people with disabilities and in group homes.		
Presentation by Kevin Goodwin	Kevin is a consumer with the Mass Rehab Commission in Natick and is a member of the MetroWest Consumer Council. Mass Rehab works on vocational rehabilitation, independent living, and disability determination services. It is also working on emergency preparedness for people with disabilities, and has produced a guide to transportation for the 22 communities it serves. The council is looking to expand its membership, and you do not have to be a consumer to belong. The group meets the last Wednesday of each month from 1-3 at the Natick MRC office, 251 West Central Street, Natick.		
Minutes	Some of the information about the Framingham ADA plan was not accurate.	The minutes of the March 27, 2007 meeting were approved as corrected.	
Old Business			
Group Home Update	No update: Judith Rhome has yet to have the first meeting of her Board.		
Transportation Update	Susan attended an RTA meeting in Framingham April 19, and submitted a written report to the Commission. Kris attended a joint meeting of the Wayland and Sudbury transportation committees, and an information meeting on the new RTA April 23.	There is talk that the COA van service in Wayland (and Sudbury, if we joined) might be rolled into the RTA services, which might mean that the towns would lose the little service they have for people with disabilities. This is a serious	Kris will attend the Selectmen's meeting this evening, where there will be a presentation on the new RTA.

	Currently four towns have joined, and Wayland is “close”. The new RTA will continue “the Ride service unchanged for now by subcontracting with the T to provide it.	concern. Dave recommended that the Commission remain neutral toward the new RTA until services for people with disabilities can be clarified.	
Sudbury ADA Plan	Jim Kelly has sent Kris documents relating to the Sudbury ADA plan.	Kris gave the documents to Steve. The Commission voted to have Dave and Steve review the documents, and then assemble the ADA subcommittee to determine what need to be done about them.	Dave and Steve will review the documents, and Dave will call a meeting of the subcommittee.
Publicity	Susan reviewed publicity tips sent to her by Dave, and recommends that we have two types of articles: short press releases, and longer, more in depth pieces. She has not sent out a press release yet.	Kris keeps a file of articles relating to the Senior Center and now, to the Commission. A good article would be on the Commission’s new telephone line, which can be used to repost problems with barriers for people with disabilities, to get information on resources, or to express concerns the Commission should address.	Susan will review that to see what has already been in the papers. Susan will write an article about the telephone line, and e-mail it to everyone for feedback to her.
L/S Disability Awareness Day	Some last minute details need to get handled. Dave needs to talk with Dr. Ritchie, and will send him an email at john_richie@ls (not sure of rest!) We need an appropriate injury release form. Dave has spoken with the Sudbury Pharmacy, and the pharmacist is trying to see if vendors will donate supplies to help simulate blindness.	Publicity needs to be finalized. Many more male than female students are volunteering to be participants. Lee Scott will be doing the filming and create the documentary. Susan also has a friend who could help. Dave will help with the training for the students simulating a disability. Dave will work with Ed Gottmann	Dave will go to LS to meet with Dr. Richie. Tess and Cori will meet Sunday to make posters. Tess will hand in the announcement of the event tomorrow. The training will take place next week, and participants will meet at 7:20 (school starts at 7:50) Thursday to get into their role and

		and L/S to get the needed wheelchairs. The Senior Center van can help bring the chairs from the Flynn Building to L/S.	to have the pre-experience interviews.
New Business			
Officers	The group decided that we should elect someone to each of the four officer positions mentioned in the bylaws. A slate of officers was drawn up.	The slate of officers includes: David Mortimer, Chair; Stephen Machnik, Vice Chair; Kristin Kiesel, Secretary; Susan Stocker, Treasurer. The secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the slate as presented.	
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