

Commission on Disability Meeting
June 20, 2013

Attendees: Anna Wood, Renee Bordner, Lotte Diomedede, Steve Parker

Absent: Peter Sargent, Peter Schaar

Meeting Start: 7:05pm

Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2013

Lotte Motioned to Approve

Steve Second motion

New Business

Scholarships:

- Anna presented information about the number of consumers served with the COD scholarship fund.
- 15 applications, 10 participants awarded scholarships within 9 different programs.
- Money has lasted over a year and there is still over \$200 in the account.
- Lotte: Motion to allocate \$2,500 more to the scholarship fund.
- All in favor. Motion approved.

COD State Meeting:

- Renee attended a meeting for all state Commissions on June 7 in Waltham.
- Hundreds of people in attendance, no real agenda but they did have a panel of professionals that helped to facilitate conversations. A pre-meeting survey was disseminated online and that is how topics were chosen.
- Renee reported that there were a few topics of interest to our COD:
 - Renee said that transportation was a hot topic. Susie from Framingham is in touch with Renee about transportation. We've directed Susie to call Deb Galloway. She is on several boards including the Framingham COD and would like to talk to us about how she can help with the Sudbury transportation.
 - Marlborough COD said they currently turn around at the Country Store / Steven Anthony's Plaza & would like to connect with us. Acton has a transportation system that they want to expand because their residents do not always need transportation within Acton.
 - Waiting to get more information from Deb Galloway.
 - Renee also said that some communities voiced issues with accessibility in terms of town sidewalks. The COD feels that Sudbury is doing ok in this venue right now.
 - Renee also said that many towns voiced interest in having emergency plans in place.
 - The COD decided that this is something we should start looking into this fall.
 - We would like to invite SERT to a meeting in September to see how they are prepared to serve/support community members with disabilities.
 - We would also like to talk with the Police and Fire Depts about what we can do to help them feel more prepared. What information do they

want/need from families? We plan to invite both departments to a meeting in October.

- Transportation Update:
 - Deb Galloway met with Anna and let her know that the MWRTA approved a second van for our town! The Town has enough funds already to support a new van, driver, insurance, maintenance, etc.
 - Anna will speak with Deb more about next steps
 - COD voiced that they would like for the next van to say something more generic like “Sudbury Transportation” instead of Council on Aging which suggests that it is just for senior citizens.
 - Would like this adjustment made on the sign up form as well.

Old Business

Restaurant Project:

- We have 4 surveys returned.
- COD members are going to team up to call restaurants with reminders before the end of July.

Handicap Parking: Tabled the discussion tonight. Peter will be writing an article so we are going to discuss again at next meeting.

Other Business

- Scott Milley Memorial: Jim Kelly would like to meet with the COD about the Scott Milley Memorial. He has emailed blue prints for the site and there does not seem to be any sort of accessible path access to the area.
- Lotte to call.

Next Meeting:

August 29, 2013

Adjourn 8:47pm