



Public Meeting of the Howard County Commission on Disabilities
Howard Building, Columbia/Ellicott Rooms 1st Floor
3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 24, 2019
Commission Meeting: 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Present: Riffat Ashai
Heidi Burghardt
Cynthia Coburn (phone)
Nicole Czarnecki
Elliott Finkelstein
Andrea Kolp
Leslie Kornreich
Diane Mikulis
Marian Vessels
Karen Wood

Excused Absence: Martin Jones
Doug Lea
Randy Murbach

Absent: Arthur Gold

Staff: Michelle Henry
Terry Zeigler
Erica Lewis

Interpreters: Brenda Kelly Frey
Becky Frey

Guests: County Executive Calvin Ball

Jackie Scott, Director, DCRS
Carl Delorenzo
Jennifer Jones
Melissa Rosenberg

I. Call to Order

A. Welcome and Introductions. Meeting called to order 6:30 pm.

II. Old Business

A. Council Resolution 23-2018 Report

1. Presentation to Howard County Executive Calvin Ball

- Commission members provided a presentation summarizing the key findings and recommendations contained in the 2019 Report on the Status of People with Disabilities in Howard County
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2. Update on other CR 23-2018 recommendations

a. Howard County Public School System

- Invite Dr. Gilbert to meet with Commission

b. Howard County Office of Transportation

- Invite Bruce Gartner to meet with Commission

c. Howard Community College

- Currently reviewing the report

d. Department of Technology & Communications

- Invite to meet with Commission at the August meeting

3. Signup sent around to Commission to coordinate presentations for meetings on one or more topics. Is as follows:

Howard County Public School Systems (meeting with Dr. Gilbert – discuss equity and diversity):

- Ande Kolp
- Cyndy Coburn
- Riffat Ashai
- Heidi Burghardt

Howard County Office of Transportation:

- Marian Vessels
- Elliott Finkelstein
- Leslie Kornreich

Howard Community College

- Leslie Kornreich

Department of Technology & Communications – website:

- Marian Vessels
- Elliott Finkelstein
- Heidi Burghardt
- Randy Murbach

B. The Loan Closet: Recommendations for assistive technology purchases

- Reviewed responses sent to Mary Becker.

C. Howard County Charter: Reviewed recommendations from Commissioners

- Better collaboration with Howard County Agencies and Departments

D. Update on Commission Projects

- Diane made suggestion to tie-in the Commission Projects with the strategic plan.
- Review strategic plan at October meeting

E. Commission Meeting Schedule

- Cindy filed motion to move the September 10 Access Committee to September 17 or 24. All in favor to move meeting to September 17 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.
- Next Provider Committee meeting is September 11
- Elliott made suggestion to increase frequency of Commission meetings, currently scheduled six times per year.

III. New Business

A. Approval of April 29, 2019 Minutes

- Minutes approved as written.

B. Paratransit service changes discussed.

C. Awards Program

- Awards event will be held on Thursday evening, October 3, 2019, 7:00 pm, at the Roger Carter Community Center.
- Update provided about News Release.
- Commission deadline for submitting nominations- July 8.
- Nomination packet has been updated and Erica will distribute electronically. A public news release is planned for early July.

IV. Announcements

- The Provider Committee hosted a daytime Respite Care Programs workshop on March 28 and repeated the workshop on the evening of June 12. The Provider Committee also hosted a LISS workshop on June 18.
- The Commission thanked Diane Mikulis for her years of service, hard work and dedication.

V. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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