



Monday, April 26, 2021
Public Meeting (Virtual) of the Howard County Commission on Disabilities
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Welcome

II. Old Business

- A. Update from County Executive Calvin Ball**
 - The County Executive presented current information on distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in Howard County, including distribution to the disability community.
 - The County Executive provided updates to CR 23-2018 Report recommendations regarding employment, housing, peer relations and transportation.
- B. Approval of Draft Minutes of the February 22, 2021 Commission Meeting**
 - Motion to approve minutes – (Randy, Karen second) – passed unanimously.
- C. 2020 Annual Report – Discussion tabled until the June meeting.**
- D. Sign Language Interpreter Licensure – update re General Assembly (Senate Bill 431/House Bill 535)**
 - Update from Heidi/Randy– Both bills in House and Senate died. Will likely be proposed again in 2022.
- E. Legislation for Adult Changing Facilities in Public Buildings (Senate Bill 61/House Bill 321)**

Staff reported for Andi – Bill passed. Waiting for Governor signature. New construction, and also renovations in existing public buildings required to have at least one adult changing table.
- F. Howard County Association of the Deaf (HCAD) Recommendation to Resolve Street Name(s) Issues in the County**
 - Randy provided an update.
- G. Howard County Public School System's (HCPSS) 2-way Communication Systems signage**
 - Doug will try reaching out to HCPSS. Commission recommended extending an invitation to HCPSS to attend a future meeting, for discussion of this issue.
- H. Accessibility of WebEx Meeting Platform for Commission Meetings**
 - Most Commission members were able to access the WebEx meeting platform, except for one commissioner who was unable to see the screen but was able to call in via phone.
- I. Commission Vacancies**
 - Currently waiting for draft news release announcing openings for Commission
- J. Provider Committee Chair**
 - Chair position is currently vacant and must be filled by a commission member. if anyone is interested please send staff an e-mail.

III. New Business

- A. Access Committee**

- Next Access Committee meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2021. Items on the agenda include virtual tour of the new District Court building, and discussion on accessibility of Historic Ellicott City.

B. Provider Committee

- Next Provider Committee meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2021.

IV. Announcements

- ARC of Maryland will hold their annual convention on May 17.

V. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned 8:30p.m.

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