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
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.

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
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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