

DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

DSAC Members Present: Mike Volpe, Chair; Suzanne Brean, Vice Chair; Lee Lazaro, Rusty Burton, Jann Glenn, Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald and Edythe James.

Guests Suzette Boydston, Mitzi Naucler, Teri Jefferson, Cathy Savage, Ken Salisbury, Tanya Thompson, Suanne Jackson, Curtis Miller and Tim Malone.

Members Absent: Pete Rickey, Sherry Rocha and Mark Frederic.

Staff: Lisa Bennett, Ann Johnson, Mary Kay Fitzmorris, Randi Moore, Alicia Lucke and Terri Sharpe.

- 1) Mike Volpe called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Introductions were made including guests.
- 2) Approval of Minutes:
 - **ACTION:** Lee Lazaro moved to approve the DSAC November 3, 2015 minutes. Rusty Burton seconded. Motion carried.
- 3) Membership Application from Tim Malone (Mike Volpe DSAC-Chair):
 - **ACTION:** Suzanne Brean made a motion to consider Tim Malone as a DSAC member and have his application be moved to the COG Board for their consideration. Lee Lazaro seconded. Motion carried.
- 4) Membership Discussion (Mike Volpe, DSAC Chair):
 - There are two DSAC members, Sherry Rocha and Mark Frederic, that have negligible attendance at the DSAC meetings and it needs to be considered whether their positions should be vacated. If they are left on as members it makes it more difficult to establish a quorum when they do not attend as well as their non-contribution to the Council. Neither has attended a DSAC meeting since June of 2015 (Mark attended a Joint meeting in November). According to the by-laws, if a member misses three meetings within a 12-month period, they can be removed from the Council. Lisa stated that neither Sherry nor Mark have responded to e-mails for some time.
 - **ACTION:** Rusty Burton moved to declare a vacancy for Sherry Rocha and Mark Frederic's positions along with a written letter informing them about the decided vacancies. Lee Lazaro seconded. Motion carried.

5) Chair's Report (Mike Volpe, DSAC Chair):

- Due to an accident Mike was without a vehicle for two months in which time he learned a valuable lesson in life without private transportation. He did have access to Dial-a-Bus and was pleased that within a week of submitting his application he was able to receive rides. The drivers were polite, helpful and on time and he cannot say enough about the organization. He did learn that there are limits to their service areas due to funding and he did have to plan his rides a week in advance. Overall, Dial-a-Bus is great but having his own van is better.

6) Information Sharing (All):

- Curtis Miller shared that he is glad to be moved into his new space in the COG building.
- Rusty Burton shared he is glad to be part of the DSAC and a part of the politics involved with being a Council member.
- Edythe James shared the Gleaners in Lebanon will now be meeting at the Foursquare Church in Lebanon.
- Suzanne Brean shared Dogs for Disability Services is starting to take applications for April for anyone that needs a service dog.
- Ken Salisbury shared that he was informed that the west part of the county was having trouble getting Dial-a-Bus out to them so Vets helping Vets will help people with their transportation needs to their medical appointments. This service is available in Linn and Benton Counties but Ken will have to get back to the Councils in regards to Lincoln County. Anyone interested in more information can contact Ken at 541-990-5163.
- Jann Glenn shared that Project Homeless Connect is taking place on January 28 from 9:30 – 3:00 at the Newport Nazarene Church. Anyone with an organization they want represented should get in touch with Jann. Jann also shared that the women's shelter for Lincoln County has officially opened at the Salvation Army and tonight there will be a training for anyone who is interested in volunteering for the shelter.
- Lisa Bennett reminded everyone of the Legislative Event that will be taking place on January 28th from noon to 2:00. This is a luncheon event and is intended for Council members to talk with Legislators about the needs for seniors and people with disabilities.
- Mike Volpe shared that the Carmike and Darkside theaters admit people with disabilities into the theater for no charge.

7) Adjournment:

- The DSAC Meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.
- The Meeting minutes were recorded by Terri Sharpe.
- The next meeting will be on February 2, 2016.