



STATE OF WASHINGTON

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT

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**Accessible Communities (AC) Minutes
February 15, 2023, 4:30-5:30 pm**

1. AC Subcommittee Member Roll Call:

**Warren Weissman, Chair; Clarence Eskridge, Vice-Chair;
Lucy Barefoot, Cullynn Foxlee, Damiana Harper, Christa
Hewitt. There was a quorum present.**

Staff: Elaine Stefanowicz, Program Coordinator

**2. Approval of January Meeting Minutes. Minutes approved
as written.**

3. Discussion of Proposed Revision to Grant Procedures

New Two Track System for Awarding Grants:

Smaller grants: Twice per year (below \$10,000)

**Larger grants: Once per year (\$10,000-\$50,000) one
\$50,000 or two for \$25,000.**

**Warren will put together a document explaining this
process and the members will vote how to allocate the
grant funds.**

4. AC Budget

- a. Standard annual (fiscal year) budget amount per OFM. Warren met with Elizabeth who said the AC subcommittee is allotted \$200,00 per year.**
- b. The AC budget is to be divided in the following categories:**
 - (1) GCDE expenses (salaries, etc.),**
 - (2) ACAC expenses (reasonable accommodations for members),**
 - (3) the remainder for award grants to ACACs.**
- c. Category amounts. Warren discussed possible amounts for each category and how it's determined how much the AC subcommittee will have left for grants.**

5. Spring 2023 Grant Approval Cycle

- a. Proposal deadline is March 31, 2023**
- b. Tentative dates for presentations and discussion Elaine and Warren will come up with a calendar for ACAC presentations, etc.**

Marsha mentioned that Kitsap County has a new staff person who is only allowed to work a certain number of hours to work on the ACAC. This may affect their ability to write grants.

Walla Walla County ACAC is figuring out bureaucratic problems with the county.

6. Recruiting New County ACACs

There was a discussion about recruiting new counties to form an ACAC. Warren talked about past efforts to recruit counties. He will schedule a meeting with Lucy Barefoot

about reaching out to counties without a Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) for voting. He would like to show them the advantage of starting a DAC and ACAC.

Damiana suggested looking at existing disability-related organizations and reach out to people who are already in disability advocacy to form an ACAC.

Next AC Subcommittee Meeting:

March 15, 2023, at 4:30 pm