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GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT

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Accessible Communities (AC) Minutes April 19, 2023, 4:30-5:30 pm

1. AC Subcommittee Member Roll Call:

**Warren Weissman, Chair; Clarence Eskridge, Vice-Chair;
Lucy Barefoot, Cullyn Foxlee, and Christa Hewitt**

New GCDE Members: Dave Carl and Steve Lewis

Staff: Elizabeth Gordon and Elaine Stefanowicz

2. Approval of March Meeting Minutes. Minutes approved as written.

3. Proposed Revision to Grant Procedures

a. Vote: Clarence made a motion to approve the revision of grant procedures and Cullyn seconded the motion. All members voted yes and there was a quorum present. The motion passed. The new procedures will be implemented on July 1, 2023, which is the start of the new fiscal year. Warren will put together a message explaining the new procedures to send to all ACACs.

4. Spring 2023 Grant Approval Cycle

- a. Three proposals received by March 31, 2023**
- b. Date for presentations: April 26, 2023, 4:30-5:30 pm**
- c. Initial discussion of proposals:**

Jefferson County: Clarence is the lead reviewer of this proposal. The project focuses on mobility access to a church. This is a larger project that has been partially completed. They are asking for funds to complete three projects: automatic door openers, door levers, and an accessible baby changing station for the restroom.

Clarence will ask some questions about the proposal before their presentation.

Pierce County: Warren is lead reviewer. They are asking for funds to add automatic doors to the People's Retirement Center front entrance. Warren and Elaine met with Pierce County earlier this week to ask some initial questions about the proposal. Eighty-five percent of residents are Medicaid patients. Seventy-five percent of the residents will benefit from the automatic doors. There are also two medical providers in the building and the retirement center hosts events for outside groups.

Thurston County: Lucy is lead reviewer. The project focuses on paving a sidewalk at a new voting center location.

Warren asked the AC members if they would consider a larger project like this (\$23,000)? The members said yes, they would consider it. Lucy will talk with Pierce County on Friday, April 21st to find out more information about the proposal.

**Clarence asked if we have some type of written guideline that specifies who can receive grants?
Elizabeth says the [ACA act.pdf](#) gives these guidelines.
The grants must go through a county entity and the AC subcommittee members must follow certain ethical standards such as recusing themselves from voting if they live in the county who submits a project proposal.**

ACAC project proposal presentations next Wednesday, April 26th 4:30-5:30 pm.

The AC subcommittee will vote on the three proposals at May AC meeting.

Next AC Subcommittee Meeting:

May 17, 2023, at 4:30 pm