

Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE)

Community Outreach Subcommittee Team

June 13, 2023

4:00-5:00 pm

Minutes

1: **Welcome to the Community Outreach meeting** – Meeting called to order by Marsha at 4:02pm.

2: **Roll Call – Present:** Ryan, Amy, Matt, Dave, Patti, Elizabeth, Damiana, Nathan, Marsha, Emily, and interpreters. No local partners (except Dave who is both). Marsha wondered if they got the meeting notice. Ryan said he did send it out and didn't get a response. Marsha found this puzzling due to their attendance at the last meeting. Ryan will check his email. He confirmed that he did not hear from anyone today (Zachary had previously indicated that they were looking forward to joining). Andy also joined, as did Daniel.

3: **Housekeeping rules** – Reviewed by Marsha to speak slowly and identify oneself prior to speaking.

4: **Community Partner Briefings on Clark County** – No community partners present.

5: Follow up on Action Steps listed below:

A: **Vancouver library** – Dave Carl to get info on the library accessibility, hours, meeting room, number of people a large meeting room can hold, etc. – Dave shared that he contacted the main branch for the public library. There are a couple of rooms, the main room holds up to 120 people max. It comes with chairs. Marsha wondered if there was a usage fee. Dave checked and there is an hourly rental rate. Dave spoke to them. Government entities etc. are listed as free, which is good. Dave spoke to some others about the other libraries locally. The smaller libraries have only 15–20-person capacity rooms. We don't have a sense of the dates, Marsha asked. It is filled through the summer. In the Fall, as of now, it seemed open. Amy asked and Marsha and Dave confirmed that this is in Vancouver due to transportation needs, etc. for turnout. It would be great to get on their schedule. Amy wondered if the School for the Blind was still on the table and if we need to approve the minutes from the last meeting (Marsha said it was not on the agenda). Elizabeth confirmed this would generally be a good idea. Patti moved to approve. Matt seconded. None opposed or abstentions. Agenda also moved and seconded, all-in favor. No oppositions or abstentions. Ryan wondered about the library hours. The hours depend on the day. M 9:05am-6pm. T-Th 9am-7pm. Fri-Sat 10am-6pm. And Sun 10am-6pm. Marsha wondered if we can still use the room when it is not open. Dave will check. He spoke with them, and it is a possibility, we just need to ask for approval to ensure there is staff available.

B: **Calendar of events including city, town and county or school board meetings, etc.** – each community partner – Marsha will try to work with Ryan on this via email if not possible today. We need to work on that before our next meeting so that we can get a date set. It is our next action item.

C: Available date options – each community partner – Not a lot of information yet. Patti noticed that there is a C-Tran board meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. They included the link. Maybe they could offer a transportation option. Marsha said we could reach out, but Zachary offered to contact a Mackenzie on this. Patti also provided council info and incorporated cities in the area. They can add Vancouver and Camas as needed, and shared the information they found so far as a start. They'll resend it after they make the additions. (They sent it). They agree with Damiana's sentiments about the LAP timing for the leaders.

D: Transportation in Clark County to bring folks to the GCDE meeting – This will be our next concern aside from the date. Waiting for more on both items. Dave offered to check on this. Marsha recapped that we need to find out what transportation routes can get folks from the outlying areas into Vancouver and home again. From there, we can determine if we need to supplement that, and talk to C-Tran about doing that. **Dave will talk to them about understanding the maps.** There is also C-Van which is the equivalent of Paratransit. Hours may vary by day, with Sundays being the worst. If we are covering more of the county, that will have impacts too. Historically, the events have been on Thursday evening and Friday morning. We likely won't do it on a weekend, so we are limited to weekdays. We may not need to stick to the previous schedule. Ryan proposed that rather than a traditional LAP meeting, we may want to bring partners together to form an ACAC, although we might still want to give some attention to addressing the problems raised in the Town Hall. That meeting (LAP) will likely have to be during the day. Hopefully we can get attendance. We may want to consider when people are most likely to be available for our audience. Our community partners aren't here to ask. Dave wanted clarification if this (community partners) meant agencies, etc. Marsha clarified that she is referring to local folks with disabilities. There were quite a few at our last meeting.

E: Any update with the contact to Mackenzie? – Zachary DeLoya – Zach was not present to report.

6: Selection of Date for Clark County Event – Tabled until we know more about available dates and transportation. Amy wondered if we could narrow down on this a bit more. Early November is in mind now, before Thanksgiving.

7: Event Logistics – Ryan was asked to review. Noted that we can't do more with that since we don't have any community partners present today, so there would be gaps in the information.

9: Next Action Steps – Figure out date and transportation, not possible without local partners who were going to look into that. Elizabeth is worried about not having a date to move forward with next steps, recognizing that local partners input will be important. She wondered if we could provide some option and seek input between meetings. There will be catering to get figured out, etc. It (early November timeline) is also in relatively close proximity to Awards. Veteran's Day is in November too, so we'd likely have to do the very first week or last week, because we have a GM meeting in between Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. Patti wondered why we aren't looking at the end of October. Marsha clarified when Awards is. It is October 6th, per Matt. Fairly early, in other words. Elizabeth has concerns about proximity to Awards still. There are a lot of details to manage with that event, and has the same staff. The calendar may work visually, but would be a heavy lift for staff. During summer, we have YLF. Staff resources are limited. Marsha suggested the **2-3 November**, or the 26-27th of October. We do have

Coordinating Committee on the 27th. The middle week of November may still work between the holidays, if we can move the GM meeting. **The 16th-17th.** Damiana mentioned checking community calendars. Ridgefield city council meets the first and third Thursdays in Nov. at 6:30pm due to the holidays. Damiana mentioned school board and chambers of commerce as places to check also. **Patti will check the CoC. Andy will check school boards. Marsha or Ryan will send an email to community partners on this also, to include catering by a disability friendly or otherwise marginalized business if possible and delivery (someone may also be able to pick up depending) to reduce logistics (contracting may depend on dollar amount) and lodging recommendations. Dave will check with the library (1 mile to Amtrak) about the dates, time availability after closure, and possibility of having food in addition to checking C-Tran about maps. Possibility raised to call a special meeting this month with community partners to work on logistics. There is a leadership meeting on the 27th that may be able to be converted. So moved.**

10: *Next Meeting will be on ~~Tuesday, July 11, 2023~~, Tuesday June 27th, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.*

Patti will miss it in July. Amy excused last month. Working out interpretation. Some folks (Patti and Amy) can't attend the new meeting on 6/27 due to vacation. Motion by Amy and Matt to adjourn at 5:02pm. None opposed, no abstentions.