



**Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment
Legislative Subcommittee
Meeting Notes
Friday, December 15, 2023
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

Topic: Legislative Subcommittee

Time: December 15, 2023, 09:00 AM

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Attendees: Amy Cloud, Legislative Subcommittee Chair; Damiana Harper, GCDE Chair, Dr. Marsha Cutting, Lucas Doelman, Clarence Eskridge, Dr. Kevin Frankeberger, Kristina Sawyckyj, and Angie West.

Staff: Elizabeth Gordon and Elaine Stefanowicz.

AGENDA

- 1) Introduction / roll call / housekeeping (Amy). Marsha motioned to approve minutes and Kevin seconded. Minutes approved as written.
- 2) Recap priorities discussion from last meeting - and assignments (Amy)
-Cheat Sheet templates - League of Women Voters sample (Marsha report out). Marsha contacted them but doesn't have a current report.

- Cheat Sheet - National Volunteer Fire Council (Angie). No updates.
 - Cheat Sheet - ARC of Washington (Marsha). No updates.
 - Cheat Sheet - Disability Rights WA (Kevin). Kevin hasn't had a chance to follow up yet.
- 3) Database building process - survey underway (Amy). Elaine sent out the survey and we have gotten a few responses.
 - 4) Training / Trainers (Amy has Questions)
 - Developmental Disability Council - topic/focus?
 - ARC of WA - topic/focus
 - Disability Rights WA - legislative advocacy?
 - Nothing About Us without Us
 - How can we most effectively advocate/educate? (Amy)
 - 5) Legislative update (Elizabeth). Elizabeth reported that pre-filed bills are starting to be issued and she is paying attention to the bills being dropped. Currently, she has 36-38 bills to review. The Right to Repair Bill dropped this week. The Legislative Session starts January 8th, and 100 bills will drop per day when the session starts. Nothing About Us Without Us (NAUWU) will be reintroduced in Committee rather than starting over. Amy said she appreciated the list of bills that Elizabeth put together last year. Elizabeth will create a spreadsheet of bills with Tier

One directly affecting people with disabilities. Tier Two disproportionately affects people with disabilities. Tier Three does not affect people with disabilities directly. If bills come to people's attention, Elizabeth appreciates knowing about them. Some of the issues members expressed interest in were mental/behavioral health support for people with disabilities, workforce issues, removing burdens to getting caregivers, veterans bill, and the 988 system. Also, workforce issues in behavioral/mental health support, long-term care, and social worker's high turnover rate. Elizabeth reminded everyone that a short session does not have less bills. It is the same amount in a shorter period.

Amy asked how the Legislative Subcommittee can support Elizabeth in monitoring the bills? Elizabeth suggested members review bills they have a background or interest in. We need a short list to focus on to be effective. Amy is interested in legislation that impacts people with hearing loss. Kristina would like to focus on bills regarding homelessness and veterans. Marsha would like to focus on the Right to Repair bill. Kristina is interested in a new disabled veteran's license plate. She would also like to focus on the State of Oregon model of wheelchair-only parking. Marsha said that ARC might be a good place to

partner with parking. Kristina asked what is the best way to approach legislators? Amy said she is working on this as a training topic.

Amy said we can survey what member's interests are and can share info with team or when list of bills come out. Elizabeth said there are a few different categories of bills. Elaine will work with Elizabeth and Amy offered to help with this.

- 6) Recap / action steps
- 7) Next Meeting: TBD
- 8) Public Comment (If necessary)
- 9) Adjournment