



STATE OF WASHINGTON

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT

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**Accessible Communities (AC) Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2024, 4:30-5:30 pm**

1. AC Subcommittee Attendees: (Quorum = 5)

Steve Lewis, Chair; Lucy Barefoot, Dave Carl, Cullynn Foxlee, Damiana Harper, GCDE Chair; Autumn Harris, Steven McCray, Lyn Sowdon, and Angie West.

Staff: Elizabeth Gordon and Elaine Stefanowicz, Program Coordinator

2. Approval of September meeting minutes (October and November meetings were canceled) and December agenda.

Lyn made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Autumn seconded the motion. All approved and motion passed. Lyn made a motion to approve the agenda as written and Cullynn seconded the motion. All approved and motion passed.

3. Update on budget. Elizabeth reported that \$100,000 of the AC funds are obligated for last year's projects. Governor Inslee sent a directive for cost-saving measures. This includes freezing spending on contracts, travel, and limitations on hiring. We are working with State HR on how this will affect GCDE.

4. Planning for subcommittee in between funding cycles. Are there other things we can do that will fulfill mission of AC without giving money to counties. Increase accessibility. Other ways we can partner and engage in case our budget is frozen. What does this group want to accomplish?

Some ideas were:

- **Provide technical assistance**
- **Accessible website**
- **Provide assistance for disability-related complaints**
- **All-county ACAC meeting**

Members will brainstorm new ideas for the group, and we will vote on them at the next meeting.

5. Spokane ACAC. Steven said that two appointments have been made to Spokane ACAC. They are figuring out the process for the new ACAC.

**Next AC Subcommittee Meeting:
January 8, 2024, at 4:30 pm**