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GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT

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**Accessible Communities (AC) Minutes
February 5, 2025, 4:30-5:30 pm**

1. AC Subcommittee Member Roll Call: (Quorum = 4)

Attendees: Cullyn Foxlee; AC Vice Chair, Dave Carl, Autumn Harris, Steven McCray, Lyn Sowdon

Staff: Elizabeth Gordon and Elaine Stefanowicz, Program Coordinator

2. Approval of January meeting minutes: Lyn made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes, and Dave seconded it. None opposed. Both approved as written.

3. Planning for subcommittee in between funding cycles.

Elizabeth clarified that the point of the AC act is to ensure a partnership between a county and people with disabilities. Contracts are an interagency agreement.

Partner with Community Outreach. They are having a hybrid outreach event in Spokane on April 17-18. With the travel/budget freeze, non-local GCDE members and staff will be attending virtually. Damiana Harper has been asked to be the facilitator since she lives in the Spokane area. Steven McCray

and local Spokane residents in the disability community will be there in person.

Brainstorming Ideas:

- **Partner with ACACs and counties who want to form an ACAC.**
- **Possible joint ACAC with Spokane and Stevens Counties.**
- **For counties who want to start an ACAC, are there info packets, videos or materials that we can create?**
- **Can joint ACAC have more than two counties? Elizabeth said there is nothing in the AC Act that says that's prohibited so it is technically possible to have three counties be a joint ACAC. One of the counties must have 70,000 residents or less. Elaine shared a map of the counties who fit these criteria (attached).**
- **County Voter Access Committees can form an ACAC.**
- **Create a survey for current ACACs asking what's going well and what needs improvement. What are their biggest wins this year? We can use Survey Monkey. The email must come from a GCDE staff email.**
- **Send suggested survey questions to Cullyn at Cullyn@zohomail.com.**

**Next AC Subcommittee Meeting:
March 5, 2025, at 4:30 pm**