

Accessible Communities Subcommittee Minutes
Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment

May 6, 2026

4:30 pm

Attendees: Steve Lewis, AC Chair; Cullyn Foxlee, AC Vice Chair, Dave Carl, Lyn Sowdon and Angie West.

Staff: Elaine Stefanowicz

Meeting Purpose: To recruit Accessible Communities Advisory Committees (ACACs) in rural counties on central/east side of Washington state.

Meeting Results:

By the end of the meeting participants will:

- Identify three (3) rural counties in the central/east side of the state for outreach as potential ACACs
- Vote on the three (3) counties for outreach
- Make an outreach plan

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Person(s) Responsible</u>
4:30	Call meeting to order/roll call	Steve Lewis, Chair
4:35	Agenda/minutes approval	Steve Lewis, Chair
	Lyn made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes and Dave seconded the motion. All voted in favor and both were approved as written.	
4:40	Discuss AC Goals for 2026	Elizabeth/Steve/Elaine
	(1) It was decided that the first AC goal would be to do outreach to three rural counties to establish new ACACs.	
	(2) The second goal will be to hold an All-County ACAC meeting on Wednesday, October 7, from 3:30-5:00 pm.	
4:50	Ways counties can become ACACs	Elaine

Elaine shared how counties can become ACACs with a letter of assurance signed either by the Boards of County Commissioners or the Auditor. The ACAC must be made up of local citizen with disabilities.

Dave and Lyn discussed how the Clark County ACAC was formed and some projects they have been working on.

4:55 Identify potential counties Steve/Cullyn

After viewing the Washington state map of counties (attached) that have established ACACs, there was a discussion of which rural counties to reach out to. It was decided to reestablish conversations with Benton, Spokane, Douglas counties. Angie said that she has county contacts with Grays Harbor and Mason counties and will contact them. It was also suggested that we talk with GCDE Chair Yvonne Bussler-White about starting an ACAC in Okanogan County.

5:10 Vote on three (3) counties All

VOTE: Steve made a motion to focus outreach on Benton, Spokane, and Douglas counties and Lyn seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed.

5:15 Ideas for outreach Steve/Cullyn

ADA Coordinators: Angie found a list of ADA Coordinators for Washington state and emailed it to Elaine. This will be another great outreach tool.

Brochure: Elaine will update the ACAC brochure so we can use it for outreach to counties.

5:30 Meeting adjourned All