

Accessible Communities Subcommittee Minutes

Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment

June 3, 2026

Attendees: Steve Lewis, Chair; Cullynn Foxlee, Vice Chair; Lucy Barefoot, Dave Carl, Lyn Sowdon, and Angie West. Staff: Elizabeth Gordon and Elaine Stefanowicz.

Meeting Purpose: To recruit Accessible Communities Advisory Committees (ACACs) in rural counties on central/east side of Washington state. Create a workgroup for all-county ACAC meeting.

Meeting Results:

By the end of the meeting participants will:

- Make an outreach plan to the three (3) rural counties in the central/east side of the state as potential ACACs
- Update ACAC brochure

<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
	<u>Minutes:</u> Lyn made a motion to approve the minutes and Dave seconded the motion. None opposed. Minutes approved as written. Lyn/Dave Approved. <u>Agenda:</u> Angie made a motion to approve the agenda and Lyn seconded the motion. None were opposed. Agenda approved as written.	
4:40	AC Goals for 2026	Steve Lewis/Cullynn Foxlee
	(1) Reestablish conversations with previous inactive ACACs. Benton County. Matt Nash is a former GCDE member who lives in Benton County. Dave will research the Benton County website and reach out to them. Spokane County: Elizabeth suggested contacting the people who were involved with Community Outreach event last year (Resa Hayes, Jennifer Simons, Damiana Harper, and Steven McCray). Douglas County: Elaine check former contacts in Douglas County. Grays Harbor and Mason Counties: Angie suggested inviting the new counties to our all-county ACAC meeting. She reached out to Grays Haror county commissioner, and they have a meeting in July. Angie will go over the	

website and ACAC requirements. She will work with the three other commissioners. She is waiting to hear back from Mason County.

We will also ask Yvonne about outreach to Okanogan County.

The survey we created last year would be a good tool to use for recruiting new counties. We will look at survey again and use previous questions. What things do ACACs want now? We will update the survey and ask counties for feedback and what information they would like to see. Elaine will share survey results again with subcommittee members.

Lucy suggested making connections with the county auditors. Each county is supposed to have a Disability Advisory Committee (DAC). Although, some counties may not be compliant with having a DAC. We could Invite county representatives (auditors, county contact person).

Cullyn said that the PowerPoint presentation used at last year's All-County ACAC meeting summarized survey information and would be better to share with counties.

Angie said she will send the PowerPoint to her county contacts. It was also suggested to invite county ADA coordinators to the All-County ACAC meeting to share experiences of other ACACs.

(2) Hold an All-County ACAC meeting on Wednesday, October 7, from 3:30-5:00 pm. It was agreed that all members will help plan the all-county meeting and not form a separate workgroup.

Meeting ideas:

- Roundtable of best practices.
- Come up with questions ahead of time.

4:45 Outreach Updates and Planning All

5:15 Update ACAC Brochure Elaine Stefanowicz

Angie offered to translate brochure into Spanish with a program she has and Lucy will proofread. Elaine will send brochure PDF to everyone.

5:30 Meeting adjourned All

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 4:30 pm.