

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

August 5, 2026

4:30 pm

Attendees: Steve Lewis, Chair; Dave Carl, Brian McMahon, Dean Olson, 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. Prepare for all-county ACAC meeting.

Meeting Results:

By the end of the meeting participants will:

- Get an update on the outreach plan to the three (3) rural counties in the central/east side of the state as potential ACACs
- All-County Meeting planning (Survey)

<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>Agenda and Minutes:</u> Lyn made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes and Dave seconded the motion. None were opposed and both were approved as written.	
4:45	Outreach Updates and Planning (Letter)	Elaine Stefanowicz
	Angie said she didn't have any updates on connecting with Grays Harbor and Mason Counties. She will reconnect with them before the next meeting. Elaine will share the AC brochure and Cullyn's email about the survey.	
4:55	All-County Meeting Survey	Cullyn Foxlee
	Members discussed the survey:	
	• ACACs that are less than two years old may not be able to answer the questions. We need to make sure newer ACACs can answer the questions. • Can we share survey answers counties sent last year and let them know what questions are different from this year instead of filling out whole form again?	

- Disability Advisory Committees (DAC) for voters are supposed to have a committee in every county. The Secretary of State's office tracks which counties have a DAC.
- Do we ask what people would like to hear about at all-county meeting? How can we be helpful?
- We won't know about funding until budget passes in March 2027.
- Update about grant projects from counties.

5:30

Meeting adjourned

All

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 4:30 pm