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**GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT**

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## Accessible Communities (AC) Minutes
## February 21, 2024, 4:30-5:30 pm

**1. AC Subcommittee Member Roll Call:**

Clarence Eskridge, Vice-Chair; Dave Carl, Cullyn Foxlee, Damiana Harper, GCDE Chair; Autumn Harris, Steve Lewis, and Angie West.

Staff:   Elizabeth Gordon, GCDE Executive Director; and Elaine Stefanowicz, Program Coordinator

**2. Approval of January Meeting Minutes.** Clarence made a motion and Damiana seconded it. All approved minutes as written.

**3. Review of current AC financial report and status of approved grants with pending contracts or other issues delaying implementation.** Elaine reported there have been no changes since the last meeting.

**4. Discussion of subgroup duties.**

<u>New ACACs</u>: Establishing an ACAC in King County is one of Steve's priorities. Dave said he and Marsha have been meeting to start an ACAC in Clark County. They will talk with county commissioners in March.

<u>Webpage Subgroup</u>. Clarence said he was previously working with Emily on the webpage. He will send us the notes from his meeting with her. Clarence said he would like to have a webpage that is easy to use.

Steve would like to list the grants we have funded. He would also like another page that explains the process of applying for a grant. If other members are interested in working on the webpage, contact Elaine.

Elizabeth said we must work with the ESD Communications Office with the webpage. Elizabeth and Elaine will meet with Emily and see how to move forward.

<u>Outreach</u>: Dave asked if there are counties that need help facilitating meetings or applying for grants? Angie asked if there is a list of county ACACs. Elaine will share the list of current ACACs and the highlighted map. The Outreach Subgroup will meet and figure out a game plan for reaching out to counties that don't currently have an ACAC.

Clarence suggested that we create a webinar on how to start an ACAC. It was suggested that we start with a reference document and maybe a webinar in the future. We do offer an all-county meeting once or twice per year to share best practices and encourage new counties to start an ACAC.

**Next AC Subcommittee Meeting:**
**March 20, 2024, at 4:30 pm**