



## Frederick County Commission on Disabilities (COD)

Minutes – Monday, September 11, 2017      Meeting Location- Winchester Hall

Submitted by Penny Jurchak

**1 MEETING START – 6:14 PM**

**2 ATTENDANCE (Members & Liaison)**

Name	Title/Position	Present
Nadine Autry	Chairperson	Yes
Penny Jurchak	Vice Chair	Yes
	Secretary	
	Treasurer	
Jay Croft	Member	Yes
Amy Crehan	Member	Yes
Barbara Trader	Member	Yes
Denise Rudegear	County Liaison	No

**3 Visitors: Mari Lee, John Gretz, ----- (interpreter)**

**4 Welcome new members:**

- a. Amy Crehan - appointed in July
- b. Barbara Trader - appointed in August

**5 Comments from the Public:**

- a. John Gretz - John shared that he was interested in applying to be a member of the Commission on Disabilities. John shared his background and concern regarding sidewalks and curb ramps in the county. He is concerned that the sidewalks and curbs are not ADA compliant. The commission asked that he email his information so that they can educate themselves and research the issue before the next meeting.

## 6 Minutes

### a. June 2017 Minutes

- No corrections noted. Penny moved to accept the minutes and Jay seconded.
- Approved unanimously.
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### b. July 2017 Minutes

- Minutes were amended to show that Sara Ryan was the interpreter at the meeting.
- Jay moved to accept the minutes and Penny seconded.
- Approved unanimously.

## 7 AGENDA

### A. Officer/Member's Reports

- Penny shared that she followed up with trying to get a copy of the Shelter and Mass Care Plan for the Commission to review. She spoke with several folks and was finally connected to Dennis Dudley, Director of Emergency Preparedness. Penny explained that the plan is not a public document at this time as it is under construction. Mr. Dudley explained that all shelters are ADA compliant. Folks are vetted as they arrive and identified for functional needs. All shelters meet Red Cross standards. The county provides the shelter and the Red Cross provides the service. Mr. Dudley offered to send a team of experts to a Commission meeting to answer any questions we may have. It was suggested that team members submit questions and at the January meeting Mr. Dudley and his team would be invited. Port Light Inclusive Disaster Strategies was also mentioned as an organization to look into.
- Nadine shared information and flyers on the Frederick Health Fair.
- Barbara informed the commission about NAC (Neighborhood Advisory Committee) It is a committee established to improve alleys and sidewalks in the city.

### B. Liaison Report

- Nadine returned a call and email from a gentleman but has had no response.
  - Nadine has called him a few times, but he has not responded. Therefore, the Commission considers the inquiry closed.

### C. Old business

#### a) Keys to independence

- The information is in the website but needs to be updated at this time.

#### b) Bylaws

- The motion was made by Amy to accept the bylaws with the spelling corrections of bylaws and canvass. The motion was seconded by Jay and unanimously approved.

#### c) Survey

- Barb moved to accept the survey as rewritten and Amy seconded the motion. The commission unanimously approved.

### D. New Business

#### a) Health Fair

- Nadine will pick up the banner and info for the Health Fair
- Commission members will man the booth at the health fair
  - 7:30-11:30 -Nadine & Amy
  - 11:30-3:30 Penny & Jay (Nadine will look into an interpreter)
- b) Officer election
  - Barbara was nominated to the position of secretary. She accepted the nomination. Amy made motion to accept the nomination and it was seconded by Jay. The commission voted unanimously.
- c) Open Meeting Act
  - Nadine will follow up with Denise for further information.
- d) Announcements and upcoming events
  - Suggestions for the year
    - Look into “into the streets” as a way to advertise
    - Encourage member with disabilities to join the commission
      - a. Attend Working Together meetings to invite possible members
      - b. Expertise areas
      - c. Targeted recruitment
  - Town Hall meeting
    - a. Piggyback on other big events
    - b. Possible end of the year event
    - c. Need to brainstorm

**E. MEETING END – 7:34 pm**

**F. NEXT MEETING – TBD due to holiday**