

**Frederick County Commission on
Disabilities (COD) Minutes
Monday, September 12, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

- I. The meeting was held in person at Winchester Hall. It was called to order by Chair Dave Drezner, who recognized the existence of a quorum.

- II. Attendance
The following members were present: Dave Drezner, Karen Duffy, Mark Swift, Jackie Kanekuni, Michelle Shay and Jason Schriml. County staff members Miles Ward and Pat Fleet were present. Crystal Gastley was present as an interpreter. Guests Adam Hays, Amanda Fleet and Stan Mordensky were also present.

- III. The guest speaker was Adam Hays, Athlete Leader with Special Olympics Maryland, Frederick County. Adam spoke about his role and the programs that are offered with Special Olympics and how it has impacted his life. They are looking for volunteers.

- IV. The minutes from the June meeting were approved unanimously with a motion from Jason Schriml and seconded by Karen Duffy. The minutes from the July meeting were approved unanimously with a motion from Karen Duffy and seconded by Mark Swift.
- V. A new subcommittee consisting of Lisa Clark and Jason Schriml was announced. They will be responsible for arranging speakers for the meetings. Please contact one of them if you have an idea for a speaker.
- VI. Members discussed ways the COD could make an impact in the community.
- Some of the things discussed were:
- Making recommendations to the county.
- Find ways to volunteer with Special Olympics.
- See if there is a role the COD could play with the opening of the new Deaf Center in Frederick.
- Hold a community open house.

Recommend to the county to increase the membership number of the commission members.

Transportation for persons with disabilities.

Housing needs for persons with disabilities.

Staffing for facilities that serve person with disabilities.

There are 2 reports available now that address needs in the community. The ALICE report and the Community Foundation report. Karen Duffy offered to present on the findings of both reports as they relate to person with disabilities at the next meeting.

Miles offered to send out both reports to the members.

One member brought up that persons who are hearing impaired living in Nursing Homes are not being given the support needed for communication. She has been working with the Nursing Home.

VII. Public Comment – Stan Mordensky came to the meeting by accident looking for another meeting. He spoke about BRASS (Blue Ridge Adaptive Snow Sports). These young people came out Sunday

after Sunday with their advisors preparing for the Winter Maryland Special Olympics.

He volunteered last winter season on Sunday afternoons to work with the Carroll & Baltimore County-sponsored Special Olympics Ski Team. He thought it could be an opportunity for Frederick County Special Olympics. He promised to send more information to Miles Ward.

VIII. Those who chose to do so gave closing remarks.

IX. The meeting was adjourned.