

Frederick County Commission on Disabilities (COD)

Monday, October 10, 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, Darrell Batson, Michelle Shay and Jason Schriml. County staff members Miles Ward and Pat Fleet were present.
- III. The guest speaker was Cody Rosenbarker, program manager for Frederick Community College's Student Affairs Initiatives. The office supports the *Making our Spaces an Inclusive Community* – MOSAIC Center. The center celebrates diversity, addresses inequity, and promotes inclusion. Cody uses a Beyond Strangers game to spark conversation using themes. The public is welcome to attend his Courageous Conversations. Contact Cody to get on his mailing list.
- IV. The minutes from the September meeting were approved unanimously with a motion from Michelle Shay and seconded by Lisa Clark.
- V. Karen Duffy gave a presentation on the ALICE Report and the Community Foundation Report as they relate to persons with disabilities. The 3 key take aways were that people are struggling with are mental health, affordable housing and disparities.
- VI. Members discussed ways the COD could make an impact in the community.
Actions that could be taken:
 - Making recommendations to the County.
 - Finding ways to volunteer with Special Olympics.
 - Recommend to the county to increase the membership number of the commission members.
 - Members could attend the Affordable Housing Council. *Miles will send out the meeting information.*
- VII. The meeting was adjourned.